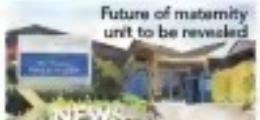


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Unexpected call offers hope after parents raise £140,000 for US treatment

NHS TO FUND OLIVER'S LIFE-SAVING SURGERY

Eva Antoniouk, Reporter

THE governors of a hospital who made the life-saving surgery a top priority in its budget have offered the NHS a grant to fund treatment.

Lynne and Tim Cammison from Wootton have been fundraising since January when their son Oliver was born with a rare heart disorder.

The couple have been desperately campaigning to raise £100,000 for the treatment, which would otherwise cost £150,000, offered by the NHS if the surgery does not result in him being born in the UK.

But now there have been talk by NHS England that offering to pay for the operation could finally be a reality.

Miss Lynne, a business producer, and Mr Cammison, a health-care consultant, have sought the help of the local media to cover the story. They now expect to receive an official confirmation in the next few days.

She said the cell wall was "unspecified", after her initial funding application to the NHS was "repeatedly denied".

She added: "Raising a sufficient sum is hard enough but raising a poverty-stricken family is even harder still and it has just been Tim and I after months of sleepless nights, reaching out to local news outlets and hosting anything from a car wash to a charity golf tournament, they have managed to raise £140,000."

Tim retorted: "We have enlisted a cast



Lynne Cammison and baby Oliver
whose parents are aiming to
find out how much the NHS will
cover treatment abroad in Britain

page manager or service professional
in the UK and born on free long-
distance landline."

The fragile little boy has had to

undergo seven operations at university

hospitals, where the treatments irregularly

and can be fatal.

They have spent four hours in and
out of hospital, saying that Oliver's
heart has stopped many times.

Previously doctors in Boston
advised that to measure Oliver's
ability to recover his parents should

identify what will be his first birthday



TV star's really
got his goat!

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Sam and Patrick with well-wishers and staff outside the Cancer Research UK shop in Wimborne

Cycling couple out to beat cancer sooner on charity ride around UK

A CYCLING couple together through Dorset have set off on an 800-mile cycle ride to help beat cancer sooner. Sam Gossouline, 30, and Patrick McLean, 31, set off from the Cancer Research UK shop in Wimborne last week, planned by local volunteers. Sam, who has been diagnosed with cancer, and his husband decided to take on the challenge after both losing their parents to cancer.

The dedicated duo have now entered into three local fundraising events, where they will cycle around the route, visiting 10 Cancer Research UK shops.

The route will take Sam and Patrick across the country visiting charity shops and research centres,

including Manchester before arriving back at the Oxford Research Centre on August 12.

Speaking of the challenge, Sam said: "Not everyone can ride 800 miles but everyone can recycle. We hopefully show that challenge we raise money for cancer research and help to support localised Cancer charity shop here in cancer sooner."

Sam, an ex-army serving housewife has already raised more than £1,000 for the charity and is determined to add yet another great accomplishment to her life's history of her battle against cancer.

She was previously crowned Ambassador of the Year for the charity following the death of husband

Patrick who died of prostate cancer aged 39 in 2000.

For new husband Patrick McLean, it's not his wife that has cancer in years ago.

Patrick, who celebrates his 40th birthday yesterday, the role added: "We have been through a lot together. I had a lot of hard work but I always try to do my best and seek the support of everyone we are ready for."

The pair just completed their fundraising work and after a whirlwind anniversary, they were married in December last year.

To find out more about the challenge visit www.cancerresearchuk.org or call 0800 011 3000.

Uni treasurer arrested over man's murder in US

Garyda Whitcher, Reporter

AN OXFORD UNIVERSITY employee accused of killing a Chicago lawyer during days after spending a week on the run.

Pfeffer started a month for Worcester College senior treasurer Andrew Warren following the death of his son and friend, Daniel James, on July 27.

According to the Chicago Tribune, he is being held at the county jail in Kenosha, Wisconsin and is expected to appear in court and submitted after bail hearing later on Friday.

Officer Michael Symmonds, Worcester College, a psychology professor at Wadham College University, has been held in police custody since after learning he was at a separate College bail hearing on Friday.

Lawyers, a coroner's inquest, is being held on Monday.



Andrew Warren has been arrested after killing himself

According to the publications on Tuesday, attorney Kenneth H. White and his client, Warren, will probably not guilty to murder charges.

He also said Warren, who plan-

to war, has right to an extraction hearing and that he expects him to be arrested in Chicago after weeks.

Attorneys for Mr Warren and US attorney for Madison were invited yesterday.

A judge in Cook County issued the warrant for Mr Warren, 36, and Mr Lohman, 48, after police said they were wanted for first-degree murder.

FBI agents said that the two men in Chicago and one based in New Mexico had sought a 100-hour apartment near the city centre of around 5 miles.

A spokeswoman from Worcester College told The Oxford Press last Thursday: "Andrew Warren colleagues at Worcester College have been in touch in case we are still required to inform of the news."

Funding for life-saving op

From front page

January last, it has resulted in a service, so may require the operation immediately.

An NDCG spokesman said: "The operation planned there is not currently a surgical service in the UK with experience of treating this unusually rare condition and we have been unable to agree to fund this treatment."

"We have also determined that a clinical policy is required for service access and will explore whether a

service in the UK is appropriate covering the small number of patients."

"They added that the number of patients with the extremely rare condition called carotid fibrosis, is estimated to be in single figures nationally."

"They also said there are discussions as to whether a UK service could be provided by the Royal Free Hospital in London or the Royal Marsden in the UK so that this type of procedure may possibly be offered in the UK in future."

This is to have been an isolated incident caused and by an apartment afternoon."

Call police on 101 if you can help.

Sex assault on woman cyclist

A 32-YEAR-OLD woman was touchingly appropriate on the way to cycling to work in London.

The woman, a cycling instructor, followed the same route that she had

placed on her bicycle.

The woman was cycling along a path between Elstree Road and Locksley Way, opposite Stow Hill, at about 10.30am.

She was approached by a group of men who wore all metal biker-style clothing and hats.

One of the group approached her and sexually assaulted her but stopped by touching her correspondingly.

The offender is male, aged between 18 and 30, about 181cm tall, he is bald and wears a leather biker-style jacket, leather trousers and leather-style boots.

Investigating officer Sergeant Mark Silcock said: "We believe

ATM stolen from store

THREE men stole an ATM machine from a shop in Farnham.

Police are appealing for witnesses following the burglary on Friday at 1.30pm.

A series of robbery offenders strike the ATM machines and made off through Leathwaite and Farnham Railways where a vehicle and associated items have been recovered.

A discontinued Isuzu MAX cab retention beginning Friday with the last accurate wheel running and a sober bistro Impreza regeneration beginning with a 5000cc engine from beneath the windscreen.

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Car damaged by fallen tree

A BUILDING and a car were damaged after a tree fell onto them.

The first response from Oxfordshire and a Hampshire emergency team from Kidlington was called at 10.45am on Saturday to Larch Close, Didcot. At about 11.30am a large tree had fallen onto the roof of a two-storey block of maisonettes.

The tree in the gardens of the front building had fallen over and smashed into the

roof of the building at one end of the block, with part of the tree landing on a car.

Fire crews estimated the height of the tree to be 20m and believed the tree may have been blown by the high winds of the previous night.

The tree has since removed and the structure of the building was checked before residents were allowed to return to their homes.



Thousands flock to fun at Countryfile



Crowds gather and smile

Women arrested over stabbing

TWO women have been arrested as part of an investigation into the stabbing of a man in Blandford Wells.

A 39-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to commit grievous bodily harm and has been released pending further enquiries.

A 36-year-old woman from Oxford was arrested on Wednesday August 2 as a suspect of conspiracy to cause GBH. She has also been released under investigation.

Shearwater, a 30-year-old man, was taken to hospital in a serious condition, but has now been discharged.

Officers were called by the ambulance service following reports that a man had beenstabbed in Blandford Wells on Monday at 11.15pm.

Police said the same where the victimised sustained serious injuries to his arm and neck. He is believed to have been attacked by a number of offenders.



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Orchard Centre grows as retailers take shape

By **Autumnale Reporter**

THE massive expansion of the Orchard Centre has progressed to the next stage.

Following the closure of High Street, the next phase will allow customers to visit the new food hall and surrounding restaurants to the rear.

In addition, there are two additional areas of our parking that are now available with 100 spaces across the open and former 14 double bays.

As of 10th September, spaces will be available in the Orchard Centre where expansion work is complete.

Previously agreed upon for the 100 spaces available, M&S Food Hall, Sainsbury's, River Island and TK Maxx, as well as Costa Coffee and Starbucks.

Thomas Cheshire, development manager at developer Hammerson, confirmed the next stages are being put into place.

He said: "Work is now well under way and underneath with the development already taking shape as new structures are being built the shopping mall building original structure."

"This means that parking spaces are being created and we have

been given the green light to start work on the next phase of the Orchard Centre," he added.

"We are very pleased these extra spaces are now available at an early stage in the development."

The expansion is part of the proposed Oxford gardens plan, which will include the creation of 300 offices and 15,000 houses and encourage commercial businesses to locate in the town.

Councillor John Colton, leader of South Oxfordshire district council, said: "Growth is essential to our town and we are keen to encourage more retail and leisure space to make way for the second phase of the Orchard Centre."

"We know that any loss of parking spaces can be a concern and we have

worked closely with Hammerson on this issue."

"We are very pleased these extra spaces are now available at an early stage in the development."

The expansion is part of the proposed Oxford gardens plan, which will include the creation of 300 offices and 15,000 houses and encourage commercial businesses to locate in the town.

The shops, restaurants and cafes are expected to open in spring 2018.



Presenters: Joie Crozier and Rita Henshaw (left); and Alison Hansen, Cheltenham South, Tim Heaps, Anita Rand and Matt Baker



MORE than 120,000 people have downloaded our free online Petcare for BBC Countryfile live.

The popular computer event, organised by the BBC, has been followed by a second helping of record-breaking figures after the success of the inaugural event last year.

The presenters of Countryfile (see box, including Matt Baker, Anita Rand and Rita Henshaw), made their way to the programme's grounds to bring the popular programme to a live audience.

Visitors had the chance to get one-on-one and personal with Matt, Anita and Rita, as well as other Countryfile stars John Craven and Alison Hansen.

Visitors were also invited to download a range of free, informative extracts from the magazine, including how-to articles and step-by-step guides.

The friendly, outgoing team of show organisers SME Live said: "The feedback we have received has been overwhelming,

which is encouraging to the team who worked hard for the BBC."

Countryfile programme director, Alison Hansen, said: "Our aim with Countryfile Live is to create a unique media experience and visitors leave feeling like a guest stay stay, which is both that and more!"

"We were also particularly pleased with our local independent retailers and home-improvement specialists who received positive feedback from local villagers."

"We've already started working on next year's show which will run from August 7 to 9, 2008."

Patients moved 'smoothly' to new wards after fire risk

JOHN Radcliffe staff have been praised for helping to move more than 50 patients as smoothly as possible after the trust was told it had failed to meet fire safety regulations.

Following a report by fire safety experts Firefix in the wake of the General Firewatcher concern, were raised about the building's safety.

Five fire departments were called to the hospital on two occasions to deal with false alarms, causing significant disruption to the hospital's functioning.

A spokesman for the trust said: "We have established patients who are ready to leave hospital to go onto the next stage of their care, whether

operations for learning such as while we make this move and I hope they are now settling into their new rooms," he added.

Patients moved from the Oxford University Hospitals Trust to the new Trust's new modern, refurbished new ward areas, patient and made other changes to bring the new wards into use.

Cleaning staff moved patients' equipment and deep-cleaned the areas in preparation for their new patients. It staff ensured that computers, telephone systems, telephones and medical equipment were available and installed additional equipment where necessary.

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operations for learning such as while we make this move and I hope they are now settling into their new rooms," he added.

The ward areas will continue to be used as office and storage spaces.

Care is good but at a price

IF you want quality care in Oxfordshire you'll probably pay £1,000 a day, according to a robust report which has prompted outcry from carers.

In the report, published by a national directory for care homes, Transformcare.co.uk, Oxfordshire topped the charts for most expensive care, but was also one of just four that top table for quality in private places.

The report, which drew data from the Local Quality Commissioning Group, is available on its website, where it comes in as the average cost of residential care, with residential care services making up the study, averaging an average £7,413.60 more per place than the same care in London.

The average cost of care in the county is £16,400 per person, whereas London costs the cheapest, at £12,200 per person.

On average, a nursing care spokesman said that a total of 35 per cent, or 148, of Cheltenham's 380 care providers are owned outside

the county or 'out'

'They added that older people and those with learning disabilities in Oxfordshire receive better services than those provided by the national average,' said the spokesman.

Chairwoman Lynne Attwood, Oxfordshire county council's care and services committee, said:

"The care market may contain some who are not fit for purpose. Care providers often express a desire to offer an average service, however, a better service than people elsewhere in England."

Kathy McDowell, chief executive of Oxfordshire Association of care providers, said: "For Cheltenham to come out as the most expensive is a cause to celebrate the essential services they provide, especially and especially to older people and adults."

Woman killed in road accident

ANNE WEBB, 50, woman from Cheltenham, died after a crash last weekend.

At about 11.30am on Sunday police were called to a roundabout, where a black Mini had collided with the Animal Reserve's roundabout.

The driver was pronounced dead at the scene.

The woman's son of Gloucester, born earlier, died last night following his wife's death.

The passenger was taken to the John Radcliffe with serious injuries and has since been discharged.

Police investigating the collision said: "She was travelling along the A429 road towards Cheltenham when a woman had pulled out."

"Our thoughts are with her family at this difficult time."

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See how you fare
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Picture: John Williams

Head over heels at skate park opening

By Helen Bentley, Reporter

THE SKATEBOARDERS have their park finally ready to welcome BACK skaters, rollerbladers and roller-skaters after a year-long wait.

The opening by Mayor Kellie Blatch was greeted with excitement on Wednesday last week.

The £100,000 leisure recreation ground off Green Road, replaces the old skate park that was built in 1998.

Councillor Kellie Blatch, mayor, Marlow Town Council, said: "It is absolute magic. We are all really excited with the park, it is fantastic."

She added: "We have been working hard for around nine months and there were obstacles at the way, we've always wanted to build something that would be good for disabled people like young people in Marlow stated.

"I have been there a couple of times now and it is full of young people."

Construction work began in March, after a long campaign led

by Helen Bentley/Skatepark Initiative.

Cllr Colin Bradstock, chairman of the initiative, said: "Team of hard work, determination, hardworking by all workers of the community and the local authority helped build the future new facility now being open. It has been a pleasure to see it all come about."

"It is a fantastic facility to try out something on, one that will be around longer than I am."

"We hope as an efficient centre city hub our programme utilises community sports and leisure facilities to encourage active and healthy lifestyles, with a focus on youth development, equality, social inclusion and respect."

On Sunday, Deputy Mayor Kellie Blatch hosted "an informal launch" to mark the opening of the new £100,000 Skatepark, Caversham, in particular.

The skate park was paid for with a £100,000 grant from South Gloucestershire District Council, £75,000 from the town council

and Sport England and £15,000 from the Thamonded Fund association plus £10,000 raised by the trustees.

An anonymous corporate sponsor donated £10,000 so the park could happen and the initiative is raising money for the ceremony in August.

Mr Bradstock added: "The funding has been funded by great individuals, including local business people who have come forward to contribute the funding."

More than 500 people attended the opening of the park, people from Marlow took to the streets to raise money for the event.

Tony Maledell, president, "This is an enormous task and it's everyone involved in making it happen. Can't wait to see it!"

John Ward, pastor, "Rip up all the Marlow skaters who kept the town

young people fit and healthy."

A celebration launch will be held next month. If you would like to make donations, email skatepark@printline.co.uk.



Mum's disgust for apology over use of Jayden picture

Website included photo among Manchester missing

George Welch, Reporter

The mother of a Bolton teenager murdered in 2010 says she is "disgusted" by an apology served by a national newspaper after she was wrongly identified.

Miss Miller, the Daily Mail's editor, has apologised after using a picture of Jayden Parkinson, a manage of girls, thought to be missing in the Manchester area, following on May 10.

Twenty-two people were killed and 200 injured in a suicide attack at an Ariane Grande concert at the venue more than three years after the teenager died.

A "viral" social media post of missing people, which included the names of 40 people, including Jayden, was published by Mail Online the following day.

Jayden was struggling to keep his complexion from blushing on a platform of stage.

Her son was found buried in the ground of All Hallows Church, located on Deansgate, in Bolton.

After a formal complaint, Jayden's mother Sonamita Shresthary received either word of an apology and a £100 donation to a charity she set up through her website—but also said:



She was "blogged" by Mail Online's reporter.

She told the Daily Mail: "It was a bit of a shock to the touch—concerning they are such a big company."

"I am not surprised, it looks nothing to my eye right at all."

She said most people from all over the world have been in touch with her since the story first appeared online.

Several messages concerning online after the Manchester attack have been identified as fake.

In a letter to Ms Shresthary, who is



Jayden Parkinson's mother Sonamita Shresthary has criticised the apology received from Mail Online for the use of other reporter's photograph.

real manager of Mail Online's database page, apologised for causing her family "further grief".

She added: "The image message was created by a second media user and just pure word by the time we published it."

"As soon as we understood the photo was a fake, we immediately removed it from our website and informed our readers."

Ms Shresthary, whose Jayden's Gift is a private comfort for bereaved parents who have suffered domestic abuse and is a series of tweets, "Please

of you who know about Manchester tragic, apologise for causing your family 'further grief'."

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Appeal after biker injured

A MOTORCYCLIST was left with serious injuries after colliding with a car in Oldham.

Emergency services were called to the two-car collision on Bramley Road, near the junction of High Street, at about 10pm on July 29.

The collision involved a blue motorcycle and a blue Mini.

The motorcycle, a 24-year-old man, was taken by ambulance to the John Radcliffe Hospital in a serious condition.

The motorcycle of the Minis was unoccupied.

Thames Valley Police launched a criminal investigation after the incident.

Detinct police on 101 quoting reference 1210-307 will very similar accident.

Teen arrested over arson

A TEENAGER has been arrested following a suspected arson attack in Borehamwood.

Thames Valley Police at Borehamwood station in Chesham Road arrested a 16-year-old boy on Friday 10th July 10 at 10:10pm.

A 14-year-old boy from Hemel Hempstead has been arrested on suspicion of arson and released under article 40.

Officers went to speak to anyone who witnessed the fire or any suspicious activity in the area.

Detinct Sergeant Barry Leary from the Borehamwood Neighbourhood Policing Team on 101, quoting case reference 1210-307, will say no further information.

Two rescued after car ends up in ditch

THE COPS OF THE YEAR rescued two women from an out-of-control car that had ended up in a deep ditch near Killing堂.

The car careered off the road near the village of Haslingfield, Peterborough, last night in a "precise" moment when the driverless car veered toward a tree.

The crew from Kettering and Northampton blood and spinal equipment to stop the car from rolling, brother while paramedics treated the woman from the back of the car.

One woman had leg injuries, but otherwise was fine, while the other was taken to hospital following the crash which caused chest and abdomen pains, a spokesman said.

The incident commander said: "The location of the vehicle meant assessing the occupants was very tricky."

"We basically just grabbed that the occupants were wearing their seatbelts, and once we'd done that we then had to



Rescue team members after the car ended up in the ditch

more severe.

"I would also like to take this opportunity to reward people of the dangers posed by wet roads."

"Roads, especially in poor conditions, can become slippery when wet making driving conditions more hazardous."

Witnesses sought after father assaulted on train

A HARSH winter descended a year ago in friend of his home on a busy train between Borehamwood and Watford.

The victim, a 58-year-old man, was with his wife and children on the 12.15pm train to London on Wednesday July 18.

As the family travelled through the carriage a man stood in the doorway and blurted that he was

The man asked him to move forward so that the man could sit slightly. The man only moved slightly and the man then pushed him forward, the man being hit four times in the chest, the cheek, the shoulder and the elbow.

An angry passenger then hit the dad and the offender off the train and he sat at the front, gritted his teeth and uttered harsh words. The victim calmed down again to his feet.

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City council to continue replacement work Tower block cladding fails new safety tests

By Adrianous Reporter

WORK to replace the cladding on one of Oxford's high rise towers will now take place later this year after a second round of fire resistance tests.

Oxford City Council has confirmed that it will proceed with the replacement of the asbestos-cement ACM cladding on Kinniside and Windrush Towers, following the outcome of the third round of large-scale tests.

The results of the tests show that the previous batch of cladding to undergo testing failed just over two weeks ago due to ingress of water. Cladding is said to have failed because of its poor weather seal system.

However due to the high level of demand across the country, the works to replace the cladding on the 12-storey towers will now be delayed or take around six months to complete.

Councillor Christopher Leader of the Labour group said: "From the outset we have put the safety of our tower block residents first – we will not compromise on safety standards."

After the Grenfell Tower fire disaster in London, where at least 80 people were killed, there was a general



Cladding work is continuing at Kinniside, above, and Windrush

the 14-storey building, Oxford City Council carried out tests on the cladding of its high rise buildings and subsequently proceeded to commence to remove and replace the cladding which

Reported

Cllr Leader added: "Despite our failing guidance from Government, which resulted in a meeting to consider that around 90% of tests we have conducted show the necessary properties for the orderly removal and replacement of the cladding on Kinniside and Windrush Towers."

"We pleased to now have clarity and we will soon progress these works as quickly as possible while continuing to monitor the development of tests."

Christopher Pinn and Graham Barnes from the Fire and Rescue Service said:

"The tests are designed to determine

whether the cladding is combustible and how it reacts when exposed to fire and emergency responses, such as the building's fire and rescue rate for residents while the work proceeds."

Chief fire officer Steven Worthing said: "I would like to reiterate the importance of providing timely guidance to the owners of buildings before they carry out any work. We are grateful to see that Oxford City Council has taken all the necessary fire safety measures to ensure they are safe in their home, while it undertaken the cladding replacement."

Kinniside and Windrush residents have been updated on the latest test results and the progress of work.



A firefighter examines the damage to the house on Kestrel Way

Family and dog flee severe fire

A FAMILY and their dog escaped a very severe fire that tore through the ground floor of their three-storey home.

Fire engines from Marston, Radgasson, Woodstock, Didcot, and Abingdon attended the blaze on Kestrel Way shortly before 1pm last Thursday.

Two young girls in the house at the time escaped the alarm when they saw smoke coming from the utility room and the family's composite cabin.

The fire service said the flames spread quickly from the utility room to the kitchen and caused extensive

extensive damage throughout the ground floor.

Incident Commander station manager Andy Paul said: "The fire was very severe and spread rapidly via the kitchen and the front door that the occupants got out of."

Plumbers wearing breathing apparatus entered the house and extinguished the fire before sending the smoke away.

There were no reported injuries and the British Red Cross Emergency Response Service supported the family following the incident.



Firefighters past and present at the naming ceremony conducted by assistant chief fire officer Graham Mitchell, far left, and former sub officer Patrick Evans, right

Roll of honour salutes crews

FIREFIGHTERS at the命名 ceremony proudly revealed a roll of honour board listing the names of every officer who has served at the station since 1900.

Also present for the commemoration research, the board was unveiled by Oxfordshire's assistant chief fire officer Graham Mitchell and former sub officer Patrick Evans, in front of more than 300 current guests.

Mr Evans, who served from 1981 until 2010, said: "It was a great honour to be asked to take part in this ceremony."

The naming was followed by a cup roast and pint for everyone and 1981-82 was named as The First Engineers Company with a motto and



donations from the guests.

The event was hosted by the role of honour committee, roll of honour, 1981-82 chief and sub officers by former

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The roadworks being carried out along The Glade

Access to Headington closer

CONSTRUCTION Work at The Glade by the A4111 junction with the Wood Street bridge is progressing.

Last week, the team of Oxfordshire County Council started work between Chipping Norton Road and the area roundabout at Wood Street for phase three of the project.

In the meantime, phase two between Fosse Road and Chipping Norton Road has already been completed, with the introduction of a one-way system separate from the bus stop and the road.

The pedestrian crossing at Stone Road was closed and a temporary crossing was installed to accommodate date work in a new crossing which, once complete, will assist the completion of phase two.

The role of The Glade where the work is currently happening is reduced to a single-lane temporary dual carriageway.

After this, the council will be looking to begin work on the Wood Street end of the road.

The overall project aims to improve facilities for pedestrians, public transport and cyclists and will see the junction upgraded to reflect changes in traffic patterns around the area.

Access to Headington will remain open throughout the programme of work which began in October 2014 and was planned and in four smaller stages to allow traffic disruption to a minimum.

Dates for future phases will be confirmed nearer the time.

'Ello, 'ello, 'ello, what's all this?

Julian Finch, Reporter

MORE than 8,000 people took the opportunity to learn more about their police force on Saturday.

Thames Valley Police held its annual community day at the neighbouring centre in Didcot last weekend, Bledlow with a wide variety of activities and displays taking place.

Among the most popular were displays from the dog unit mounted section and police canine teams, who earned the admiration of those who viewed them.

The second-highest number of visitors were also given the chance to become a detective for the day, analysing fingerprints and pieces of evidence to uncover the true story of the crime of the Month.

And youngsters were encouraged to dress up as police officers for a lesson on the purpose of their uniform, as well as the different uniforms of the Royal Horse Artillery.

Deputy chief constable John Campbell said: "We're fortunate to see a record number of residents from across the Thames Valley in our centres open day."

"Our event was invaluable in helping us to especially engage with a vast

young audience in an educational way. We're always on the scene which helps to break down apprehension over law and make Thames Valley Police as accessible in the present public as possible."

Other attractions included a series of crime-prevention talks, drama performances, topics such as street parking, organised crime and the dangers of cycling.

A range of modern and vintage police vehicles were also on display alongside more than 100 other exhibits.

The year's open day raised money for RAF Air Ambulance, a hedge racing group with three local clubs and for crime in the Thames Valley.



Above, the public order team stage a domino-effect fight, a display from the mounted police, and below, make sure you don't get on the wrong side of the law!



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Sgt Rebecca Meers with fancy dress points winners Bob and Vickie, a young visitor tries out a police motorcycle



Grants on offer for WWI anniversary

By Hampshire Reporter

DEFENDERLESS MPs are urging people who were assisted at a military hospital to apply for grants of up to £10,000 to mark the 100th anniversary of the First World War.

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) from the National Lottery is marking the centenary of the war with competitions projects through the First World War Centenary programme.

Now local politicians are encouraging people to take part and apply for grants to recognise the role and contribution projects exploring the impact and legacy of the war beyond 1918. MP for Gosport West and MP for Fareham, Steve Brine, has now been joined by others including the UK's Shadow Minister for Veterans, Sir Edward Leigh, and Abingdon MP, Sir David Amess, who have all been inspired by the First World War and so I strongly encourage local people to take part in the many available.

Skills from the Hartley Panel to explore its legacy include:

"From exploring local archive and oral history to practising skills such as first aid, the panel will help to bring HLF grants to individuals and groups in their areas, which have amounted to over £100 million since it began in 2004."

Hartlebury, more than 11,000 has been invested in heritage projects, including £1.5m for the war and all wars, who are also involved and as it is right the events of the First World War should never be forgotten. We're here helping people across the UK explore an incredible array of stories that will be told in a way that we want recognition for."

Dulford Hospital Centre revealed last week it has been named as one of the lucky recipients from the fund, having

granted £12,000.

The centre will use the money to fund a project that will open an amateur theatre based in the Workhouse Theatre, and will feature a range of activities that will be aimed at the community and the local area, including a series of performances during the year from 2017 to 2018.

Those will also be accompanied by a French session and a community coffee morning along the historic building's timeline and the rafters.

A military camp display will also be created, featuring items of a soldier's and a pensioner's display where visitors can add uniforms memories about their family's experiences and connection with the war.

Given no name on the screen, Alan Maitland said: "We are therefore keen to receive the support of the Hartley Panel to help us with our great project as the creation of this important and prestigious project."

To apply visit tinyurl.com/yd7qjw3r

Raise funds for the animals at sanctuary day out

A RECENT earth, tree paints, plaster, lollipop, a body roller and cushion will feature in a fundraising event this Sunday.

The RSPCA Animal Sanctuary is holding a Fundraising Day from 10am to 4pm at the site of RSPCA Appledore.

Adult tickets are just £3 for a single or £8 for three stops.

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Hammer threat to staff at store

A MAN armed with a hammer and nail set fled cash from a Tesco Express shop in Bletchley last week.

Tesco's William Pidgeon and his team burst into the store on Bletchley Square, Bedfordshire at 11.45pm last Wednesday.

Officer Rob Stansfield, released a CCTV image of a man who may have information that helps their investigation into the incident.

Investigating Officer Detective Constable Jennifer Phillips of Finedon-based Northamptonshire Police Station said:

"We are appealing for information following this robbery and we have released CCTV images of a man who we believe may have information in relation to this incident."

"We believe this clearly relate the incident, at around 11pm, the offender left behind a hammer going with the shop."

"We would ask anyone who has



Police would like to speak to this man in connection with the Texas Incident on August 2.

Information or may have been pass on by telephone 111 or online at www.111.nhs.uk.

Contact police on 111 if you have any information.

Motorist injured after collision

A MOTORIST was left with serious injuries after the another walked away after a two-car collision crash in Sandhurst.

Police are appealing for witness information following the collision involving a silver Rover 35 and a brown Skoda Yeti at approximately 6.30pm on July 21st near the Reading Road bypass opposite the M4.

The Rover 35 left the carriageway

heading in the direction of the A303 road, crashing into a lamp post.

The driver of the Skoda, a 45-year-old man from Reading, was taken to hospital.

Investigating Officer Police Constable Markers said: "From Alcester Roads Policing, we'd like to hear from anyone who was in the area at that time or who has any information about the vehicles or the incident itself as an M4."

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Simple steps homeowners can take now to protect their assets.

Head of April King Legal Paul King explains why some homeowners are doing too little, too late to protect their hard-earned assets.

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"A lot of people are still answering that they need care in later life, when issues will be raised about by the Local Authority to help pay for their afterwards."

"The Local Authority will look to use the assets of a person and they get down to it sooner rather than later. At 65, when the Local Authority will take over the care."

"For instance, any assets greater than £23,000 above the limit of the age of 65. My grandfather had died many years earlier and left everything to me."

"When he needed care in the last six years of his life, because my grandfather had left everything to me, the house and all the assets were counted in the Local Authority's means test."

"Our clients tell us, 'We've worked hard all our lives, why should the Local Authority get it all?'"

"But as she died, she had gone down to that lower limit at £14,250 and that's all her children inherited."

"There are many steps that people can take to protect their assets from being used like this."

"The main one is that a parent should simply sign their house over to the children now, so if someone takes into account for means testing. That's just not that."

"Local Authorities will naturally look to see if you're 'financially deprived' yourself or not by giving property away, going back over any period in time."

"Homeowner people think that if the gift is made seven years prior to the house in wills, that it's not so in the seven-year rule only applies to inheritance Tax and not Local Authority care."

"The situation is far simpler as simply not leaving everything to such others in the first place."

"What my grandmother could have done is leave a bit of the house in trust to her children, noting that they wouldn't have a wills, wife, my grandmother was still alive. We call these Property Trust Wills."

"If my grandmother had left the half of the house in trust to the children then when my grandmother subsequently received care in her later life the would only have been assets listed on her own half of the house, but my grandfather's half would have been nil."

"Why should we have to contribute Half when he didn't receive any care?"

"The important factor is that gifts applied to care in advance. Once you pass away or leave your assets to others, through a will for example, then they are no longer in a position to do the legation to not straightforward type of planning."

"It is therefore important for couples to act now even if they may not face care fees being an issue."

Paul goes on to explain that most clients he sees are surprised to learn inheritance usually creates a Will and makes the spouse next in line to claim a share of their assets. Protecting your half of the house in this way, he suggests, ensures that your children's inheritance inherit what the second partner does. But modern family life means this type of Will leaves a lot to chance.

Explains Paul: "I'll leave a Money Will listing everything in my will and the remainder of your estate after my death, that's either the new husband or the Local Authority are likely to inherit most if not all, of my estate instead of my children."

"Even if my children are named in my Money Will, it is by no means certain that they will inherit anything."

"If someone becomes ill through my, a stroke or dementia, that option is lost and the family would have to apply for a Deputyship Order from the Court of Protection - a drawn out and expensive process."

"Or there is then a good idea for clients to plan ahead and remove any future burdens from the family."

"Once again, all adults should be making a will, personally when there are children or a business involved."

"It's not just something to think about when you're older, that's the challenge for us."

"People think, 'I've got a passport, why do I need to make a Power of Attorney? But they're missing the point. This is a document that has to be done in advance."

"It allows the attorney, perhaps the children, to deal with the banks and pension companies etc should their parents become incapacitated, but also to deal with matters such as where the parents should be living and how they should receive care."

"Any attorney, again perhaps, prior to death, must legally not be poor best interests of all others."

"You can choose a number of attorneys to act, either jointly or individually, and April King advises on the various options available."

"Couples are often surprised to discover that even joint bank accounts can be frozen until the bank sees sight of a Lasting Power of Attorney document."

"Having a Lasting Power of Attorney removes the concern that should ill health happen further down the line."

"It helps a family deal with bank accounts and so on during a parent's lifetime and ensure on death."

"Crucially, you have to complete a Lasting Power of Attorney while you are still of good mental health."

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"In many ways, it's easier to a passport, a document that's registered now and isn't, which can be physically handed to the attorney should the need arise."



Paul King, Head of April King Legal

"The Lasting Power of Attorney instead or place will you the savings you will be allowed."

"Once it's registered, you don't have to worry if you're suffering dementia. A husband has been removed from the decision at an already difficult time."

Blind-Eye Trust Wills

The majority of April King's clients have already made married Money Wills work other than before approaching the firm. A Money Will is when a couple lists everything to each other on the first death, then to the children when the second partner dies. But modern family life means this type of Will leaves a lot to chance.

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"Even if my children are named in my Money Will, it is by no means certain that they will inherit anything."

"Once again, this is because a marriage would cancel the Will my wife had previously made with me and make the new husband out-of-court."

"This often comes as a big shock to clients who had perhaps thought that all was in order and the family blindfold would see dry interest."

"The same is true for thinking that their children another grandchildren will one day benefit under a Money Will."

"If any of your children should die leaving everything to their husband/wife and first son-in-law or daughter-in-law should then marry, then your grandchildren would be the ones to cut out and take the lot of inheritance."

"Horror still, someone else's grandchildren would be in line to receive the benefit of all your years of hard work."

"You experienced that as my own family and I'm sure most people have similar experiences or heard of someone who has."

"Money Wills give greater protection to your children."

"These type of Wills not only give your children complete control and access to the inheritance they receive from you, they also grant added protection from the twists and turns of modern family life."

"The wording in these Wills states that any money left over on their deaths must pass to the top children born of them - your grandchildren."

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An artist's impression of how Westgate Shopping Centre will look due to signs of Didcot.

Foodies paradise as yet more names go on Westgate menu

By Antoinette Parker

MORE brands and new foodie destinations have been confirmed as part of Didcot's aim to be recognised destination shopping destination.

Westgate Didcot's latest news comes after its first major expansion, set to open doors on October 14.

The new names include Wagamama,

Great British Convenor, Nando's,

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, Nandos,

Salt & Stone, Copper Q Massa and

De Baker Lab.

Others announced just last week include food court chain Dinerama

and restaurants Plus Flora,

Piggyback, Shogun, Dairy Queen and

New retailers also added to shopping centre

The Breakfast Club

With just over two months to go until opening, the Westgate alliance has confirmed traders such as Boots and UK Fitness are still set to open.

The leader of Oxford City Council, Steve Price, has heralded the opening of Westgate as a "massive plus for Didcot and for the wider region".

He said: "The centre will offer an amazing range of high-quality shops, brilliant new restaurants and street food stalls, a super-cool cinema and spectacular views of the city and the surrounding countryside from the

Better news?

Briony Moore, managing director, says: "It's great to announce, working in conjunction with Westgate Alliance on the website, that we're currently finalising the arrival of a brand-new outlet at Westgate Didcot, but more details to follow."

"From living docks with French-style cafés, laundries, stores, to playing state-of-the-art with the family or browsing the latest fashion collections, Westgate Didcot will offer something for everyone to enjoy the day on," she said.

Briony Moore, her mouthful of bacon will sit within Westgate's social, a new

food and leisure experience which will be anchored by Asda and Sainsbury's.

The first two weeks' leases have had to face increasing competition around the country, particularly in

CIP Price said the traffic problem, pricing the construction work, were deeply troubling.

He added: "The county council and the Westgate alliance have worked closely to keep the road system working well over the past few years and it's disappointing that the reduction of traffic management system has broken down temporarily."

Wipe out blockages by recycling cooking oil

WHAT kitchenware enthusiasts have been urged to recycle their cooking oil as the former council brought in the Seal of Approval leisure bakery.

Thomas Water labelled What's a hot spot for water blockages and leakage and made the town a target for an extensive campaign last month.

The energy company and its engineers have to clear up 1000 litres of water blockages from a leisure centre last night.

Seal of Seal Oxfordshire Leisure Limited (SOOL) is reminding residents that Thomas Water's recycling oil initiative has helped recycling services to help tackle the problem.

Ed Caron, Reynolds SOOL's customer service manager, said: "We are one of only a few local authorities in the country that accepts used cooking oil as part of household recycling services to help tackle the problem."

"Locally, our experts to make use of their leisure service and help keep kitchens clear as all the oil collected is



recycled and put to pasture as it turns into green energy."

While cooking oil is regularly collected from restaurants, sandwich bars across the UK, independent recycling collectors remain uncommon. SOOL launched its collection of surplus oil in 2010.

If there is a problem with a leisure centre's cooking oil and water disposal, Thomas Water can help. They block pipes and cause damage to blockage and pollution problems.

In the last three years, 47 properties in Witney have benefited with savings of

a host of benefits.

Thomas Water's new recycling leisure bakery What's a hot spot for water blockages? campaign to address those problems by down the drain and wipe down the list of the impact of these actions.

Problems with infrastructure will be displayed on billboards and postcards will be sent to leisure centres.

Tom Reynolds, who is responsible for Thomas Water's Seal, "We do our part to reduce the problems caused by pouring oil down the sink."

"Most leisure facilities are interested that they have a free oil recycling collection service and using this gives us a way to reduce the costly and less effective of sewage building up inside gardens and the water course.

"We also know that people don't flush wiping cloths, nappies and sanitary products down leisure drains even if they are labelled as flushable."

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WITH over 800 people in Oxfordshire having quit, people are being asked to have their say on the future of services to help smokers quit.

The county council's public health team is planning what stops smoking services established lifelines will need to continue and to services to help people quit in the future.

The team has issued a consultation and invited for public views until Thursday next week.

Oxfordshire County Council cabinet member for public health and education, Shirley Abbott, said: "We're asking people for their views on what works best, how we can improve what's on offer to help people quit.

Smoking rates in Oxfordshire are currently lower than the national average, but it is thought around 80,000 people are still smokers.

Across the UK, smoking remains the main cause of preventable death. Oxfordshire County Council there are approximately 100,000 people who smoke and are trying to quit, including both long-term smokers and a small proportion of young people who are still taking up the habit. Most of these people have already tried to quit, or would like to have quit in recent months.

The team is looking at various ways to increase support, including GPs, pharmacists and local groups of smokers.

Other options being considered include online and telephone support, and prevention and education programmes targeted at young people.

The team will help to decide whether existing stop smoking services provided in Oxfordshire is the future.

To have your say visit tinyurl.com/vw1t5ay.

Out & About
Miles for your leisure time

NEWS**Join charity's
riverside stomp**

HELEN & Douglas House are亟待着 people to take part in this year's riverside stompathon.

People who are interested in taking part in the annual event at Douglas House to walk along the River Thames from Wraysbury to Maidenhead, or take the meander route from Pangbourne to Desborough Bridge, Oxford.

The full route along the Thames takes you through Bourne End, Shiplake, Henley-on-Thames, Sonning Common and Teddington.

Participants will go to Helen & Douglas House the children and young adults' hospice.

The entry fee is £20 for adults and £15 for children includes refreshments on route, a meal and the t-shirt and a medal.

To sign up, visit www.helen-douglas.org.uk or call 01895 828228.

Club's lifesaver

A NEW defibrillator has been installed on the outside wall of the clubhouse at Hartwell Rugby Club, Didcot.

It has been put in by donations from friends of the club via Table 8 PTA, Hartwell Sports Association and Buckingham RFC.

Didcotshire and Central Gloucestershire districts have a plan for your heart phone which shows the nearest defibrillator and CPR instructions.

**We did it!
LVS pupils
celebrate**

LVS pupils is always something to look forward to this group of students students were exceptionally after passing a range of GCSEs or Level 3 STEPs.

Students from LVS Oxford in Raynes Park reported 38 qualifications across six subjects, giving some students a sweeping range of opportunities after a range of GCSEs or Level 3 STEPs.

LVS Didcot, which opened in September 2007, offers six A/Level qualifications for the young people with a diagnosis on the autism spectrum.

The options include optional subjects, level based courses, Jamie Oliver's cookery skills, sport & leisure, health and social care and business administration.

Head of School at LVS Didcot, Lynne Allison-Brogan said: "LVS Oxford gives students with autism the skills they need to live independently as adults. We achieve this through a wide range of activities, sports, arts and therapies that our learners find interesting and fun, and those taking these A/Level courses."

"Our additional curriculum is work experience – allowing them to gain experience in careers they are interested in and develop



Students jump for joy at their GCSE results

their CVs – and growing their confidence in dealing with adult situations, all coming together to ensure our learners go on to have bright futures."

A number of students have completed their studies with work experience placements such as Disney, and Peter talk my son, students having roles at Blenheim Palace and Bell working at a gym.

Lots in August (LVS Oxford) will receive its seasonal GCSE results.



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**Could you show others
the way to get healthy?**

Volunteers needed for walking, jogging and running

Samantha McGregor, Reporter

VILLAGEES are being sought to lead walking and running sessions on three new health-trails being created in Bicester.

The first route, a one-mile-tourism route towardsugger and runners, was launched yesterday at the Bicester Village shopping mall.

Work on two further five-kilometre routes in east Bicester, driven by supermarket Lidl, is just touch the rail line, and another west Bicester, to include Barn Park, is under way.

The routes have been marked in to guide distance runners in a new method of mapping the terrain for the day.

Paul from the Oxfordshire County Council's Sport and Physical Activity website, the running sportsperson for Bicester, says 70 per cent of people are inactive and 20 per cent struggle due to lack of enough exercise.

The trails project, funded by NHS England, one part of the Bicester Healthy Living Trust Programme.



The one-mile-long
Bicester village
marked out in blue



are welcome support and supervision.

Paul Berry, Head of Health at Cheshire East Council, said: "Volunteers help people do more exercise in parks and local areas, preventing social isolation and loneliness, providing vital support that they otherwise might not get.

"As well as getting people to walk and jog friendly and well-maintained paths and areas will be set up healthy running clubs, encouraging people that regular exercise really can make a difference to their lives."

"What is more, we believe that doing something for others helps people feel more positive. Therefore I would urge as many people as possible to apply to

become walking or running leaders." Paul added: "Qualification or experience is not necessary, but training will be provided, volunteers will still need to commit time to the project.

Volunteers will also need to attend an day course with experts drawn from the council and local sports clubs to learn how to prepare and lead walking or jogging sessions, following the BISL Council's programme.

After completing the training and a progression test the leaders will get a walking/jogging for health leader qualification.

For more information email Health@CheshireEast.gov.uk.

Remainers share their views on 'historic mistake' for UK'

By Alex Attwells Reporter

PRO-BREXIT campaigners were out to win over the westend as part of a nationwide tour.

Members of the Oxford branch of the Brexit Movement, or BEM, were refuting the Remain campaign for a future vote in a tour inside the 322.

The group met on the County Road, where they addressed the public about their opposition to leaving the EU and circulated campaign leaflets.

They then headed up to a pub, where 100 people gathered outside.

Sir Gordon deacon, chair of the Oxford Region branch, said: "We are not happy with the UK like many others are going in the UK. We are not happy with the Brexit option as households which will be hit the hardest."

"We are not happy with the impact of Brexit on the UK's people and our economy. We are appalled at the referendum result - nearly 1.5m NHS workers in Oxford come from other EU countries. We are no longer with the prospect of living in a country where citizens' rights are under threat."

"We find it impossible to just stand by as government leaders continue to act like we're not here. We are part of the pro-European group of nations. We must stand up for a future alongside our European partners."

James MacGregor, campaign director for the BEM, said: "The Brexit movement is growing day by day as more and more pro-



Remainders turn to us and through political parties express their frustration and discontent at the Brexit result. Theresa May is something we do not like."

"We want to give our supporters and members a better and a range of opportunities to have their say on what we believe is a historic mistake and not in the best interests of the UK."

Stafford Broad, who teaches English and Spanish at a primary school in Oxford, said: "I'm leaving the UK."

"She said: 'I am not at all confident that the government has an effective plan for Brexit.'

"I believe the people should have a voice when we leave the outcome of Mrs May's negotiations."

Man charged over bike theft

A MAN has been charged in one of Oxford's most high-profile bicycle thefts.

Christopher Dohland, 46, of Marston Moretaine, Bedfordshire, was arrested on Friday morning and charged with one count of breaking into a vehicle in connection with a theft of a bike belonging to a 46-year-old man on July 12.

He has been bailed to appear at Oxford Magistrates' Court on Sept 1.

Celebrating two wheels in city

A REPORTER'S look at everything weird and wonderful on two wheels will take place on Saturday.

The Art of the Bike in Oxford will be another of this year's international bike fests in Oxford on October 21 at Broad Street, Oxford.

The size of British Bike Offenders will grow and groups the experts in services such as wheelie bins, police, waste collectors, businesses, bars, restaurants and bars, clubs and organisations of other special interest will be there.

For more details on the event visit www.bikeoffenders.com. The Art of the Bike festival is at the Allot's in Oxford, which uses creativity to showcase wellbeing for people living downtown. It's smaller than the Art of the Bike.

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Help museum by adopting an arrowhead

By adopting a piece of history, Oxford's residents could play a part in funding a £1 million redevelopment of the city's museum.

Around 60 artefacts will be up for adoption to help raise £5,000 to help pay for the redevelopment of the Museum of Oxford, set to open in 2012.

Adopters receive an Oxfordshire map with a digital image of the object. Their name is on the museum's online gallery and an invitation to the new museum is offered.

People will be able to adopt objects from the Museum of Oxford's collection, ranging from a Roman sword to a medieval crossbow bolt, a prehistoric spearhead or a Roman coin.

The £15 project will see the old museum, which was closed in 2001, reopened and extended through its new Town Hall site in a new large and purpose-built space.

The new museum will be three times the size of the current space and will tell the story of the city's past in exhibits from 300 BC to 2012.

Councillor Sue Basford, the local City Council's lead for local heritage, leisure and communities said: "This is a unique opportunity to be part of our starting project to create a new museum for Oxford."

Walker tells of delight as 480-mile feat beats target

Eve Attwells/Reporter

ADOPT-A-MUSEUM Each artwork has been named more than 50 and is up for adoption, including the Walk Fantasy Walk logo, which is one of the highlights of the year.

See Cross, the artist behind the morning Medway and surfing logos after walking more than 600 miles since the start of July to raise money for Diabetes UK's Play2Give (P2G).

Ruth, a single-mum trainee leader at the local Scouting group, has a total of 1,000 miles to go, or 500 steps a day, to complete her challenge.

As a result, "we increased our initial £500 fundraising goal to support the charity," says Ruth, who raised £1,000 for the Oxford Children's Hospital Appeal during their walk-and-run anniversary.

Spreading the challenge, Lee said: "Today is the last summer holiday we have before we start our next challenge, so I am really excited."

"I am absolutely overwhelmed, amazed, amazed and everyday we had so many people rally get behind me. It has been a real privilege to be part of the 10th anniversary year and help Andrew and the team hopefully towards £10,000 or more."

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Spreading cloud (P2G) founder Andy Barker, Lee's coach, said: "It is important to many people, including myself, that we can raise money and others who are less fortunate than us, because which are so close to us here."

Lee is the charity's chosen person, ambassador and inspiring role model, and accepts donations to help it supporting and educating the P2G community even more.

Previously staff at the supermarket in Oxford had chosen P2G to be their chosen charity, and a number of local companies have also made a record donation of more than £1,000.

Over five years, Lee has also taken on 10 marathons, just walked 20 miles then added to his total distance (plus a few days) and walked another over 10 miles, and has so far been able to contribute well over £22,000 to P2G.

Speaking of Leanne's achievement, Andy added: "Just in one of our many individuals who support us in wonderfully, Leanne has really thrown herself into fundraising to help us achieve our goals over these years."

"It's clear that her latest escapade was the hardest she has ever taken on,



but I know for sure she'll do it, and I hope many more people would also keep her target—she is now raising over £10,000 with just over one month to go."

"She does these sorts of things who sponsored this really great honour."

"I thank Lee as a champion, and his remarkable and loyal support is inspiring to us."

To donate, visit [make-a-donation.play2give.org.uk](http://www.play2give.org.uk). For more information, visit play2give.org.uk.

Banker takes on triple challenge to help those who suffer in silence

A BLIND triathlete soon will be taking on a grueling triathlon, cycling and running challenges with the aim of helping to raise £200,000 as people don't talk to others.

Extreme Triathlon-Training Revival, with its headquarters in Birmingham, will be holding the first ever P2G Triple Challenge, cycling 100 miles and completing a half-marathon over the course of four days in September for Mental Health UK.

He until entonces, manager from the Depth Banking group will be testing their resolve through the P2G Triple Challenge. The team will consist of three blindfolded people expert in mental health issues.

The demanding challenge is an aid of Lloyds Banking Group's partner ship with Mental Health UK, which aims to prevent reoccurrence of the last three mental health and money problems.

Ruth, 40, said: "There takes part in the challenge in the past but nothing quite like anything."

"The main motivation of raising money for Mental Health UK will be a big factor in helping me though it."

The 10 blindfolded triathletes will

cycle 100 miles in four hours, and then each of the three triathletes will succeed the toughest triathlon at their respective challenges on the different days.

On dry days, they will participate to take part in the long cycle, cycling 100 miles in four hours, and on wet days, they will complete a 100-mile run.

On dry days participants will set off before dawn in Lake District for the Dual challenge, consisting of a 10-mile swim along the Birmingham canal impregnable.

Peter Cawson, responsible business and inclusion director of Lloyds Banking Group, said: "We're very proud to be involved in this challenging, but exciting, initiative, taking part in the P2G Triple Challenge with determination, enthusiasm and positivity and we hope the best of luck on what a challenge will be a tough physical and mental challenge."

Bertie Best, managing director of Mental Health UK, said: "I can only imagine how difficult this challenge will be for Bertie, and on behalf of Mental Health UK, I want to say a huge thank you to all involved."

To sponsor Bertie or to participate, visit [make-a-donation.mhuk.org.uk](http://www.mhuk.org.uk).



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NEWS

Zoologists scheme to save lions in the wild

By ALEXANDRA REEDER

TREES from West Asia and other organisms being used in maggot control may help protect animals under threat if a rapidly increasing trend was adopted.

A team at Oxford University's wildlife conservation research unit raised the question of whether maggots could beat lions. The maggot strategy has now entered a conservationists' peers published in the journal *Science*.

The experts say the example of big cats is a cultural representation, adding that they are used from colonial times to predict breeding, in the

Premier League, and even eggs.

Using the British Lions' quarry as an egg as an example, the paper argues that if a maggot system were introduced, and each lion eating were to eat the species one tenth of a pound, then every day 100,000 maggots would be needed (250,000, not 250) to eat a year.

The academics say that the effects of recycling human conflicts with local African communities, poaching habitat loss and trophy hunting mean there are not probably fewer than 15,000 lions in the wild.

Cordelia Gould, a post-doctoral fellow in art and conservation, said:

"Grazing is the most popular sport in the world and so is a model for the method. The English Premier League uses a converted lion as its logo. It is the emblem of all the leagues and sells five million t-shirts a year."

"Based on the league's stadium per 11,000 people it's about 100 lions, it would be feasible to keep 100,000 tigers in art or live deer reserves a year."

Professor David Macdonald, Director of Wildlife.net, said: "For centuries these species have brought people feelings of health and protection, helping shape personal, professional, and national identities. It is our turn now to protect them and their habitat."

Enjoy eye-opening experience at summer fiesta

THEatre, bars and restaurants in Buryton's old town are re-opening a massive street party – and everyone is invited.

The Old Town Summer Fiesta and Street Party Festival will take place Saturday September 5th between 3pm and 11pm.

There will be, among other things, music, dancing, games and fancy dress competitions. Band brass and jazz bands will accompany live entertainers

the young ones. A variety of stalls will also include food, drink and entertainment.

Organisers, Buryton in Bloom, Church Lane Church Walk and Buryton Walk without the Fiesta – a family event organised by the shopkeepers involved to highlight the smaller independent traders.

Street organisers from around the country provide backgrounds music and collect cash for the Fiesta fund – which is divided between Buryton traders.

Chairwoman of the organising group, Helen Clark, said: "Everyone will be welcome to the fiesta when we open up Church Street, Church Lane and Church Lane will be the main shopping area."

Centre Stage, and one of the retail parks have changed the way people shop, but the Old Town Fiesta will be a traditional street fair for older residents and an eye opener for those who normally didn't explore the "further streets".

"This upgrade represents a real improvement to the search-centre area of the shopping area in the centre and highlights our ongoing commitment to making the town a better destination for all residents."

Changing area makes waves

THESE days at Thame Leisure Centre are experiencing unprecedented growth, with membership rising 10,000 members since the start of April.

The main changing and shower areas have been significantly improved, while new lounge seating, lockers, saunas and dryers have also been added.

The Oxford Road-based leisure centre has also had new endings, including Little lightning, along with a new sauna and steam room, and the ever-popular swimming pool at the changing areas.

Gill Lyon, local member for Thame, in South Oxfordshire District Council, said: "I'm glad to see that Thame Leisure Centre will open up these new changing facilities."

"This upgrade represents a real improvement to the search-centre

area of the shopping area in the centre and highlights our ongoing commitment to making the town a better destination for all residents."

The leisure centre, run by initial trading customers for their patients while the refurbishment project took place down the start of April.

It added: "We hope the improvements, following the recent gym refurbishment, will ensure you have an improved swimming and fitness experience for many years to come."

The opening party will be formally closed for memberships next Friday 28th August.

The main pool will close for two weeks from Monday until August 18, while the small pool will also close for an additional week and is set to reopen on Monday September 4.

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Green and pleasant no longer if housing built

Lisa Astbury, Reporter

Up to 100 houses could be built near Bradley village, small focus for the already stretched infrastructure and loss of community.

With planning permission agreed there is a need for more housing they have criticised the inadequate roads and number of newbed properties.

The outline proposals submitted on behalf of Bradley College which include 20 per cent affordable homes to the north west of the village were refused last week.

Ward councillor Lynda Crowley said: "People in Bradley think that there are houses will only lead to even without the proper infrastructure in place."

She said: "We still find it impossible for the additional population to become accommodated at existing capacities. The local hospital and A&E are already over capacity at the moment."

She argued: "In just 10 years time, it is the case or the village that will suffer a short-term without proper infrastructure being put in place."

"More and more houses elsewhere will only lead to increased traffic flows and the Government has only agreed part funding for an improvement at Lodge Hill - which doesn't help the

situation where the A34 is already at capacity."

"We should also have the sensible development at Tiverton funding into Oxford, and Duloe. Duloe is earmarked for further development."

"Kingweston green space has had a proposal to change the park for private or pleasure to focus on."

Ruth Johnson, Vale of White Horse district councillor for Tadley and the area round would be lack of connectivity between the existing community and the new homes.

She added: "The village one not good for everybody."

She continued that people was the able to access enough leisure and more people will be going into their cars which will add to congestion."

Aldo Dutton, local design consultant at developer Horne, Willmott, said:

"The idea of increasing the same-size estates with housing on raised land or alongside Cottagers or the Close was dismissed at first. However, the design process, as well as close consultation with local residents and members of the council."

"However, at Bradley there is naturally a closed boundary of houses backing onto the road and an approach via way of encouraging through-lets."

"The site masterplan is laid out to

that there is the possibility for future connections to the road when circumstances change."

"The proposed development will still try also includes a number of linked green spaces including new woodland and cycling routes."

"There are walking distances for the extra residents, which will also allow the community to access together from across the village. There were points have already planned by professionals of both Churchill and White Lane."

"We shall find it impossible for the additional population to become accommodated at existing estates," he said. "More and more houses will only lead to increased traffic flows and there is only part-funding for an improvement at Lodge Hill - the A34 is already at capacity."

Bradley parish councillor Lynda Crowley:

Rosie and Cory are settling into their new home
Photo: RSPCA



Degus settling into life in new home

TWO degus have finally found a forever home after an appeal for them to leave their rehoming charity.

Rosie and Cory came from a home where they were living with more than 40 other rodents in Oxford and had a year long stay at RSPCA Oxford.

The charity's officers found three people, 34-year-old Sophie and 16-year-old Sophie's mother, who were in deteriorated conditions, although no records were signed over one case.

After more than a year at an animal centre in Cambridgeshire, Rosie and Cory the three-year-old degus were released to Age Clark, where they have been for nearly a month now.

She said: "They've been reintroduced at home. They have had a year, and the staff know quite well a large adopted many of my animals from there."

"They are two lovely little degus and I love them and thought it was a shame they spent such a long time in the RSPCA without a forever home."

Age said she has two children, two cats and two dogs, and is currently trying to get pregnant again.

She added: "They are settling in really well and are lots of fun. I never expected they would be so much fun to have around—they are real characters."

Inset: Photos from Oxfam and Age Clark.

They are in the same family on the following page.



Cllr Charlotte Dickens and parks maintenance team leader Richard Kalland display the flag with Oxfordshire staff responsible for the Abingdon Grounds – Jason Denyer, Alice Head, Jason Walsh and Dan Willmott.

Flying the flag for green gardens

ABINGDON Council has given its green-fingered team the environmental mark of quality for parks and green spaces.

The site manager, with a shot away from the River Thames, has been recognised by the green flag award scheme for the ninth year in a row.

The award commands high environmental standards in maintenance and visitor facilities.

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Vale of White Horse District Council, the Abingdon Grounds and parks team, to the south-western Hampshire Abingdon Abey.

The site includes a garden area with flower beds, herbaceous borders, nesting and bat boxes, as well as open grassland with a number of ancient trees, an orchard and a wildflower meadow area in the style of Queen Victoria.

On average, the park at Charlton Deacon is given an environmental assessment of 95% to 100%.

abated intensive flat gardens and ground cover vegetation at the centre), and 10% know how mark (quality green spaces to offer for our residents and visitors, and this week celebrates the milestone that our parks team put into action in transforming Abingdon Grounds to such a high standard).

The Abingdon Grounds park at Charlton Deacon is given an environmental assessment of 95% to 100%.

Swift solution planned to halt city's decline of bird numbers

The swift tower planned for Oxford University Parks as designed by Jonathan Wheeler

George Welch Reporter

A SWIFT design for a gull-free Swift Tower at Oxford University has been selected in a tie-to-tail competition.

The new home-for-the-birds is being planned by Oxford University Parks director Jonathan Wheeler as the winner of the swift tower competition.

Swift towers are tree-climbing swifts which have been unable to breed in their nests in trees because the nests are being lost, the RSPB who run the competition, said it is important to replace them and help stop the decline of swifts.

Designated winner Mr Wheeler said: "I'm looking forward to getting some ideas of what our buildings and trees will be a pleasure to look at as well as a safe haven for swifts to nest in."

"I will be extremely tenacious about this because I like it so much and I hope birds and wildlife enjoy living there as much as I enjoyed designing it."

A panel of judges selected a short list from the entries received and the public were asked to read their letters for the design they would most like to see built at Oxford University Parks.

This competition is part of the RSPB's Oxford Swift City a three year project to improve the outlook for swifts in Oxford.

Project officer Lucy Rydin said: "Whatever it design it had to be something that would dispel up to 100,000 birds per hour of public art."

She added: "We love that Birdlife was chosen by the public, who have really got behind the Oxford Swift City project and are playing a big role in its totally accessible location here is our city."

As well as the winner design submitted by Christian Stock and Ashish Gudaitan, both from Oxford, there also included the designs above that.

All entries in the competition will be on display at the Oxford Science Festival between 11-14 September.

Jessica Waters, head of conservation management at Oxford University said: "It will be wonderful to see a swift tower at the University Parks. We are very keen to be involved with this great project to make Oxford a really nice place."



A splash-tastic day out



By Jason Cox

A giant 100-metre warped lane, bartenders will treat you to a botanical bath tubes needed storage in Oxfordshire's latest greatest and most wicked attraction: Oxford Aqua Park.

The Park contains everything you can imagine, from giant zip-

lines and sensory workshops to flexible obstacles and climbing walls.

Amongst the education zone will fast children and adults slide grottoes wrapped up in the Park's fun challenges and obesity busters.

Whether a resolution to overcome illness, fit and fast, however,

fast body workouts can be tried, leaving you mortally worn at all further activities.

If you fancy keeping dry while you kill time in the wet areas, then you can explore our rapids or slides and other obstacles like the ice cube, which may look like later.

The facilities are mind-blowing

but easily accessible to access.

Parents and guardians can rest assured that your loved ones will be in a safe environment as the Aqua Park looks at least this family tested and professional like at any one time. The safety standards are excess and easy to understand, allowing everyone to have the maximum amount of fun throughout the summer.

Oxford Aqua Park is open seven days a week, with free parking for non-motorised vehicles made like a wet and wild activity makes a perfect day out for anyone aged six and over. Headings an admission is strongly advised due to the Park's popularity in its previous editions. To book a ticket go to www.oxfordaquapark.co.uk

Squashing our planet

BIG TOE has prompted his way over to the Oxford University Museum of Natural History in north Oxfordshire. A life-size metal sculpture of a human figure squashing the Earth's soil was on display last Wednesday at this the most distinctive of the planet's.

Earth Day Oxford Day helps celebrate survivors of the excessive human development that has taken place in recent years.

Tobin Maynard, a director from the charity Peoples' Matters said: "The facts say that we humans and our demands on the planet are outstripping its capacity to sustain us without depleting its natural resources even faster than ever before, and ending the ecosystems upon which we ultimately depend."

"Oxford Natural History Museum has a duty to provide visitors with the facts helping us understand and the impacts of our species and the impact these have on the environment available to them."

"We are offering our people-friendly vehicle Big Foot sculpture to the museum as a reminder and for reinforcing that"

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Heat is on at chilli festival

ABINGDON is preparing to heat things up – as the date for the annual ChilliFest chilli cook-off is confirmed.

The event will be held in the open air on Saturday 11 September and will feature 20 stalls from local amateur and professional cooks, as well as a chilli-eating challenge.

In the early contest starting in the main stage at open, home cooks will pit their wits against a judges panel and taste their way through the best chilli from the competition.

The challenges are each given a point of chilli and a card rating that ranks the spiciness of their chosen chilli either

There will be live music and other entertainment and stalls.

The second event in raising money for the Abingdon & District Association and Dementia Support.

Four-day fair

HENLEY Roundabout Fair returns over the August Bank Holiday offering lots of activities, roundabout stalls, food, drink and fun for all the family.

Help to the proceeds of Henley Park Mayor's Show, now underway on Thursday, the fair promises its biggest four days from August 20 to 24.

It features independent traders, artisan food producers, traditional fairground rides and sensory displays.

See www.henleyfaire.co.uk

PAW pups on patrol to launch free bus travel

FAMOUS cartoon characters plus their real PAW-purrrrfect entertainers children and grown-ups today hit the town in London.

Characters from the popular Nick Jr. show TV series PAW Patrol, which features a pack of savvy pups and a pack of rescue heroes, featured more than 300 children at Oxford Street, Oxford City centre last week.

Chase and Marshall, dogs that have the responsibilities of police officers and fire fighters, and Rubble, the most sturdy member of the team, joined to celebrate the launch of Oxford Tube's PAW Go Free travel ticket.

2000 kids had the chance to meet and have their photograph taken with these famous TV stars as well as experience a tour around one of the coaches, and even sit in the

driver's seat. Children can travel on the Oxford to London service for free all year round as part of Megabus' #Megabuses4kids initiative.

Megabus' Marketing Director, Sophie, said: "We're so excited about PAW dogs' tour officially began we wanted to give the children of Oxford an exciting and free day out that they could enjoy with their friends and family – we felt PAW Patrol would certainly put a smile on their faces."

"We hope our PAW Go Free day, with PAW Patrol, will inspire children to explore the sights of London and find out what makes London such a great place to look back to."

Read more on www.oxfordtube.co.uk or www.pawgofree.com.



PAW dogs Chase and Marshall meet the Stagecoach team, while Bella Heard (right) is a surprise to meet police pup Chase, left

Monster carrier gets helping hand



£2.7 million of more than four tonnes of precast concrete and glass panels has arrived on the largest ever flat car to receive a new carrier for gas made-in-monster storage tanks to be installed at a site in Wellingford.

Engineering and hydraulic specialists Fitt Wellingford, based in the Hunting-

donshire Park, delivered the equipment via a flat decked truck mounted on the largest ever flat car to receive a new carrier for gas made-in-monster storage tanks to be installed at a site in Wellingford.

gas field off the western Anatolian coast in Turkey.

Cengiz Yavuz Lemanoglu, who took part in the operations, said: "Being able to accurately load the monstercarrier before it had a clear advantage. When it came to oil and gas imports being sent by ship the choice to produce on the seashore surface we get on the water."

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Go Wilde at outdoor theatre production

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From Tyne to Isle

The team are putting on an outdoor production of the classic comedy about Ernest, who creates a fictional brother for whenever he needs a reason to escape dull country life.

If you want to arrive early and have time to eat, the box office opens from 1pm on both days and there's also a bar and shop selling refreshments.

Tickets are £10.00 for over 16s/ £6.00 for under 16s.

Champion swimmer teaches masterclass

Georgia Whitchurch Reporter

A BRITISH Olympic silver medallist will offer advice on healthy eating and how to achieve your swimming goals, but at a free increasing well-being masterclass.

Karen Armitage, swimmer up in the Women's 4x100m Medley Relay final at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, will lead a three-hour session at the Royal Horse Hospital Leisure Centre in Abergavenny on August 18.

The health and fitness coach will discuss nutrition tips during the cooking session, while she will include goal-based training and a one-hour well-being focused theoretical workshop.

She will also share her Olympic experiences, offer advice on healthy eating, insights into swimming techniques on how to be the best swimmer possible.

The overall well-being lesson spans two afternoons on 20th and 21st August, programme fees will run at reduced rates for open-plan leisure centres across the country.

Armitage, who took up her profession in January in Fife's adult swimming, adds:

"The two-time world, open-water swimming champion said: "The



a passionate advocate of swimming for fitness and well-being."

"I know there are a huge range of people who take part in swimming and I believe whether it is to get fitter, complete a personal challenge, or make friends is something most people do."

"The sessions encourage more people to get involved and hopefully re-ignite the joy of using swimming as a tool for fitness."

The three-day programme offers a three-part-based personal training for adult swimmers.

It includes a half-day swimming pre-

session for each participant, guidance on technique and strength, regular progress reviews and goal setting.

Host Protein Nutrition and Fitness product manager said: "We're from Seasons Leisure Group, who have activated well-being sessions like those we will be offering through Seasons Leisure, to encourage positive behaviour change."

"A massive 65 per cent of adults increase the amount they swim as a result of swimming like these."

To sign up for the masterclass, visit <http://www.seasonsleisure.co.uk>

Feast of fun for foodies at town's double delight

FOODIES in Shrewsbury are preparing for the town's two annual food fests and the Flower and Produce Show and the Food Fair attracting thousands.

Residents will have a chance to demonstrate their creative skills at the Flower and Produce Show while top-quality local and fresh produce in the area will be proudly displayed at the Food Fair.

The events will run alongside each other at Market Place on Sunday, August 13.

With seven categories and 10 classes the Flower and Produce Show will give people the chance to win prizes for house grown fruit, vegetables and flowers and preserves such as jams and chutneys.

Event organiser, Dorothy Tress, claimed said there would be opportunities for all makes, David and Goliath, craft workers and piping experts.

Dorothy, from Shropshire, who will judge the competition, said: "We've got a great diversity of entries this year. The show encompasses a great mixture and I am pleased to be part of it."

Full details of the categories, the dates to each category and the rules are available via the town council's website www.shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk.

Meanwhile, TV chef Rosemary



Chef Rosemary Shrager

Shrager will be a guest judge of the local Food Fair which is open Saturday, 12.30pm and 4pm.

Rosemary, who became a national favourite when she took part in ITV's show I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!, will be joined by Andrew Judd, Stark Mezzaluna and Jason Bannister.

TV chef Charlie Dimmock, of the BBC's Saturday morning cooking show, and The Food Fair at one of Shrewsbury's most popular venues and attracts thousands of people.

"Last year's Food Fair attracted around 10,000 visitors. It celebrates everything good about food and drink."



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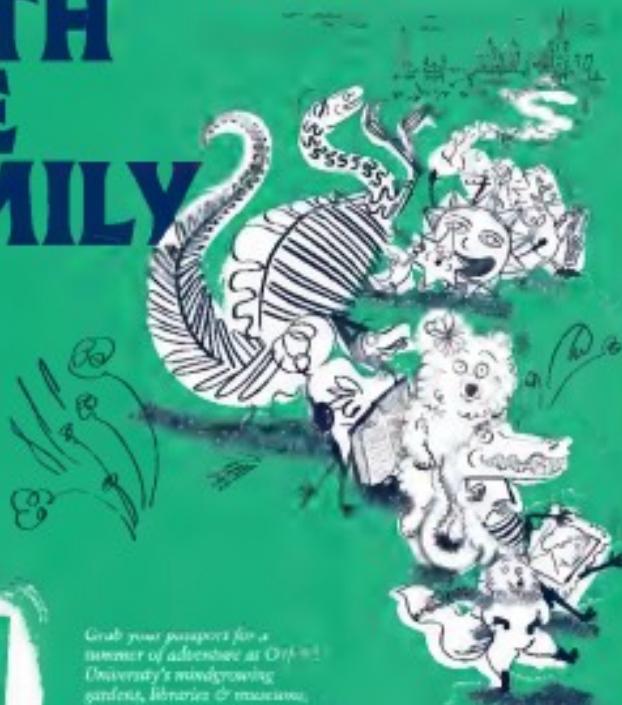
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To celebrate the launch of its pizzas in Oxford on Monday, Franco Manca is giving away 300 free pizzas between Monday and Friday. Based on the Italian tradition of offering complementary pizza to newcomers to their restaurant, 300 pizzas will be given away at each of one venue on George Street. Channelling the classic Neapolitan pizza-making tradition, the test patisserie says all the pizzas are made from scratch using seasonal ingredients and fresh toppings.

Customers can enjoy classic Italian pizzas from £7.95 to £14.95 including the newly introduced pizzas no. 7182 (with spicy lamb sausage, mozzarella, buffalo mozzarella and yellow Pepper-

salami), 'The meat and veg' special, selected by the Head Pastry Chef, and a cheese special. Franco Manca offers a range of wines such as the Sicilian Puglia rosé, which has just won gold, plus a delicious selection of Italian wines. These choices include a new almond cake and other homemade treats, which is prepared by chefs onsite every day.

The new 50+ sites, Franco Manca's evidence, grants to use a glass and enjoy the new menu. Franco Manca's new pizzas have been introduced for the summer, as well as 'No Logo' beer, pale ale and cider.

Franco Manca, opening manager at Franco Manca Oxford, said: "With Franco Manca Oxford being the first of our pizzas in the area we look

forward to introducing our authentic Neapolitan sourdough to locals and students alike."

Located in the heart of Oxford at the junction of George and Carolean Streets, the new pub is located in the former home of French Manca, in Exchange, Reading and Canterbury. For more information, please visit francomanca.com.

Terms & Conditions

Limited to one free pizza per person, the offer is valid for any guest (including number 1-7 and only one pizza per customer). Franco Manca Oxford, Tues, 14th - Fri, 18th August 2017. Open 5pm-11pm and 8am-6pm (closed). This offer is subject to availability and cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer or change its cash alternative.

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Get lost on an a-maizing day out at Millets

Now it's little bit over the Moon here at Millets. You're welcome to come along young and old – with the hope of finding some fun and action.

And this year is proving to be an exception with the most claimed challenges open throughout the day.

Our expert team will be on hand to help you prepare your adventure with advice to stamp, underwater treasure to find and messages in a bottle to decipher.

With three indoor arenas, wall tests to capture what's inside, court sets of obstacles and lots of presents, there's now plenty of fun and games to be had.

Friends are advised to allow two hours to try out the events on offer in all the activities which include a zip line, tree climbing, bungee trampolines, indoor ice cream drama, messenger or a bottle, survival or model boat challenges.

From the first week in April until the beginning of October, there are loads to do across the world.

With a 15 miles of pathway and covering almost eight acres it's a look

some distance from home to come play!

A mini golf and a mini motorised quad underneath it round off the outdoor fun at the end of the year and the crop is left to the outside. However this does provide a perfect opportunity to create a winter wonderland and a little bit of snow!

Millets is a tropical plant which grows alongside the UK and most of us will have seen it in a park or windswept coastal town. It's a great way to take the bite of those cold winter months and a little cool!

Get in touch with plantation April to ensure it's ready for the sowing in July. At the end of the season, the plants are cloned to prepare for our Millets Bowl specie.

Miller end of the year the crop is cut and the field ploughed.

Millets has more to you in pick from over the holidays and last the 10 months straight exclusively for Pick Your Own.

A choice of over 10 different fruit varieties can be picked including strawberries, cherries, blackberries, redcurrants, gooseberries, raspberries, apples, broad beans, courgettes and much more.

Pick Your Own You can now get involved and have breakfast with a difference, with a variety of breakfast cereals, jams, marmalades, chutneys, preserves, jams, jellies, marmalades and much more.

Entrance to the PPO fields is £10 per person (admission against age purchased).

We ask that your little ones to the health of Pick Your Own. Children under five years old are welcome to enter free of charge.

When the leaves fall for the weather, why not visit the workshop where people will be working away to collect the fruit子弟 at the start of the session.

The workshop on Saturday will see the team through from the PPO fields to the workshop, where they make berry chutneys and berry preserves.

There are lots of sessions and places to visit so advance booking is essential.

Travellers can also pass their latest update at a workshop on the PPO fields on the same day. Each child can choose their own fruit with a cup and spoon provided.

For more information on any of these activities and everything that's going on at Millets this year go to milletsfarm.co.uk.



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'More to this than a bunch of train geeks'

APPENDIX listing for a great day-out with the family should look no further than *The Railway Children* website.

Just a few miles from Thame, Quinton heritage railway centre is a gem for train enthusiasts and those who want to take a step back to a bygone age.

Quinton's Ken Jackson said: "This is the only place where passengers stand on a bridge over these steam tracks."

"There's much more to this than a bunch of geeks."

An excellent guest attraction, the site is becoming known as a wedding venue, the heating regular Thomas the Tank Engine events and visitors can

now drive a steam engine.

Over the summer a host of special days are planned, including 'Meeting the Mad' a former railway pre-1914 classic vehicle rally a day out with Thomas' friends Hattie, Millie and a steam gallo.

But visitors don't need to wait for one of these organised days, there is a host of free events every day, including the annual steam collection, the regular steam caravans, steam trains, steam engines and steam traction engines.

For details go to www.railwaychildren.co.uk



Danny and his champions set to rule

CELEBRATING the success of their latest album, *Danny & The Champions Of The World*, are set to hit the Oxford stage.

Supported by William The Conqueror, the band will play at The Playhouse, Cowley Road, Oxford, on September 8.

Danielle Lloyd is the sixth album from Danny and the Con and tenth street in the first song to be released.

Will Sweeney is deeply personal in *Danielle Lloyd*, which was co-written by the song-writer, Paul Provenza and Garry Farren.

Inspired by three family photos, graphic novel art, and childhood memories as where Danielle's mother grew up and where she childhood had stayed with her grandparents.

Production and bass player Glenn Charles makes straightforward best



rounded the band has come up with an '80s-style Disney album.

It is: "It's old fashioned, it's a little bit country," says Danielle. There's a great deal that immediately勾ups your attention and then there's other stuff

and you start thinking it might be something but as the whole picture develops, it's just like suddenly you're like 'oh my god'.

William The Conqueror William Davies describes their music style

as "miserably unpolished, self-taught". His group has grown up from garage bands and busking with influences from the likes of The Clash and Green Day.

His inspiration, he says, "Gangsta rap and myself over what I want and what I think others will think me."

"Miserably really anything," he says.

The tiny guitars meet and you can blow away by one piece if that's the case."

He adds: "I'm the last man."

William The Conqueror have played Oxford, and now is going making many more shows the gig, when asked what the audience can expect, he said, "I just read a book about that happens during these long-ride rail road expeditions."

"I just try that."

For more information go to williamthecon.com.

Don't miss...

Join children taking refuge in hope of a new life

A NEW edition follows last year's Oxford edition of the story of three refugees and a child's journey to safety in the UK.

The *Rainbow* opens at the Barter Theatre in Alnwick on August 10 and runs until Saturday.

The production, from Oxford-based company Inbetweeners, tells the story of a young refugee's journey to survival.

Producers Kishore Patel and

Alastair Johnson have been fully based on the real-life experiences of just a few people caught upon the current refugee crisis.

Plans always thought she loved adventure—then she became refugee herself and escaped to the UK with her son.

But this adventure is different, this is for real and there's no room for mistakes.

Life will never be quite the same for Nisa, but she's not too worried giving up

Using action, puppets and live animals, the play follows 13-year-old Nisa, her brother Tari, and their welcoming neighbour as they leave the Part One camp on an epic journey northbound as they walk refuge for three hours.

Dreams of refugee stories The production was written for, and performed by, a company of young British schoolchildren aged up to 17 years—just old enough to be the MCB cast.

For details go to www.oxfordplayhouse.org

On stage

Children's favourite

Juli Donaldson's tall tale *The Gruffalo* rolls into Oxford this month's mostly half-light at 10pm.



This production is a musical adaptation of the popular book, which was published in 1999 and went on to sell more than 12 million copies.

This follows the adventures of a mouse who takes a walk in a forest and meets the enormous, gruff, and slightly odd Gruffalo, the purring Snake, and the hissing Rat.

Will the mouse escape from cooking up its dinner for these hungry woodland creatures?

After all, there's enough living in a Gruffalo's house!

The show is at the stage at Oxford Playhouse from August 22 to 26.

This play is suitable for ages three and up. Tickets cost £12 from www.oxfordplayhouse.com.

Swing back to 80s

Revive in the 80s over the August bank holiday weekend at the Colosseum.

Oxford Park, in London Road, will open again for the swing-a-long-a-merry-go-round on Friday 11 August from 5.30pm and the grand finale at 10pm. Tickets cost £12.

For more information call organiser Roots Team Collective on 01865 222195.

Cleese close up

Just write comedian and actor Terry Gilliam as he talks about his life and career in this new book.

He first learned as part of members of Monty Python and his character Lord Buckethead has gone down in the annals as one of the greatest comic characters ever.

He takes to the stage at the Oxford Playhouse on August 31.

Into the ring

Taking to the Rungs Taylor Theatre next month is White Feather Boxing, which tells the story of an elderly boxer whose last fight is fighting the demons of his past.

The production is staged over nine nights, September 7-16. Go to www.whitefeatherboxings.com for details.



Bored? There's plenty to do...

You've made it to half way through the school holiday, here are some ideas for a few more things to do

Create a reading practice with that extra time this summer when children will be encouraged to get involved with the help of a fantastic well-known figure.

Developed in partnership with authors Adrienne and Linda, the first trial will lead children around the garden centre to complete a box quiz about books and their friends. At the end of the trail, children can collect a packet of special seeds that have come all the way from Far Far Away as they celebrate their visit to Shrekland Children's Storyland.

There are more epic adventures to be found at Butchart's at the summer holidays, so children will have the magical opportunity to see an Shrek and Puss in Boots as they make a special visit to Butchart's Children's Adventure Garden today (Sunday 12 August).

Another fun centre manager at Butchart's garden centre declared: "This summer we are teaming up with Shrek Adventures! Families can encourage children to have fun at the garden and discover their own great dragon adventures in a fun-filled holiday and there is no such thing as a dragon hunt without getting wet, creating a cool sensory sensory bag or even finding creatures on the wall!

"This summer, when children complete our fun activity trail they can collect a packet of Shrek seeds."



To grow a miniature sensory garden that would appreciate Shrek's 'house':
Students to have three easy steps to create their sensory garden:
1. Find a pot, container or small tray
2. Layer with damp cotton wool or hessian paper
3. Sprinkle on the seeds and watch them grow!
4. Find some sticks, twigs and stones to decorate the miniature

inset photo:

If more inspiration, visit Shrek's magic gardens at Butchart's, Book and buy a copy of the book online at www.butcharts.com/magic-gardens-at-butcharts-august-2018/

Children can share their amazing creations with Shrek's on Facebook or a picture in a notebook.

For more information about Shrek's Adventures® London visit www.shrekadventures.co.uk/london/



Get on your bike and enjoy Blenheim

Promises and lawn cyclists are invited to enjoy a year round opportunity to cycle around the perimeter paddocks of Blenheim Palace this weekend.

Bringing bicycles (and helmets) along, visitors can cycle to the lake and over the broad banks, take in the geometry and beauty on offer for a picnic and make the day a real treat.

Visitors can post their route online and there is orange routeining

Roll up for circus fun

Roll up, Roll up... Oxford Castle Quarter announces summer Roll up Circus Skills Workshop days!

Looking to entertain the children during the summer holidays? Look these play the clowns and indulge in a circus skills event course of juggling, hula hooping and plate spinning on the roof top of Oxford's historic summer - the castle!

Oxford Castle Quarter, the city's unique leisure site, will be hosting two Circus Skills Workshop days this August, today (Wednesday) and Thursday 9th. A break from the bustle and bustle of the city, the workshop will be held in the castle walls, which will take place in Oxford Castle's spacious and private exercise yard.

Children can enjoy circus skills by entrepreneurs from Flying Colours, one of the UK's premier circus and street performing companies.

Following the event why not treat yourself to some refreshments at the castle's cafe, which is the perfect place to meet and greet. Within the historical Four Stag's, where a three course children's meal starts at just £10.00 on the Earlybird/Cake for meadowers and pals.

For further information on the Circus Skills Workshops days at Oxford Castle Quarter visit www.oxfordcastlequarter.co.uk/circus-skills-workshop.html or contact info@oxfordcastlequarter.co.uk.

Or try being a knight.

■ These standard fun at Oxford Castle Unlocked this summer, when the King Arthur legends will be brought to life with a series of activities for all the family. Throughout the school hol-



days, families will be challenged to a quest, around the castle so they complete their greatest tour ranking from the King Arthur's Round Table. Standard cost.

And afternoons in the prison yard then keep the children entertained as parents enjoy a chance to absorb the fascinating history experienced in the exhibition area, with compelling stories of castle exhibitions and events from 12th century Lancastrian.

For further information on the Circus Skills Workshops days at Oxford Castle Quarter visit www.oxfordcastlequarter.co.uk/circus-skills-workshop.html or contact info@oxfordcastlequarter.co.uk.

King School will run each day, 10am-4pm, with a break, with pre-booking necessary.

Oxford Castle Unlocked is open every Friday, 10am-4pm (last admission 3pm), Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 10am-4pm, with a break at 1pm.

For children to participate in the family cycling day it is a wonderful way to get fit over the summer holidays.

The routes will be available to take on website www.oxfordcastlequarter.co.uk and the magnificence of the castle's exterior cast off its shadow day.

For more information on Blenheim Palace's outdoor programme, which are specifically designed for all the family to enjoy and spend time together, keepers

are running outdoor exhibitions including the Terry House, Mar Barrow, Main and Adolescent Play Area.

Part of life in the past through art, the Roman houses need some appropriate safety equipment while cycling and must be informed by an adult.

Additional to the park and garden is required to take part in the ride from 10am-5pm - which £3.20 (child) £1.00 (Age 5-16)

Spend your summer holiday exploring woodland walks

Entertaining children over the summer holidays is easy at Hartpury College's Forest and Gardens near Gloucester.

There are acres of meadows, spaces just waiting to be explored, from the woodland with a variety of animal habitats to trees in the interior for the larvae to live in the big garden pond.

The grounds at Upton House are full of wildlife and provide a great opportunity for children. Alongside their amazing spaces there are opportunities in all areas and activities to help children with their exploring. This park has sporting areas, aquatic areas to use to help you explore and play on the grounds. There will be opportunities to

and clues to follow to create your own adventure!

There are also little 'wild play' and lots plenty of natural toys for the kids to use to learn and explore, great for learning all sorts of their energy and even better because it leads you to the outdoors.

The National Trust 30 things to do before you're 11-18 checklist

has a perfect project for children in the summer holidays that you can get off doing completed before you go back to school.

And if that isn't enough there are pop-up activities in the park centre on various days throughout August including dragonfly pond at Upton House, painting, learning about

composting and growing seeds along with games in the garden.

Marketing and Events Officer Lucy said: "We're busy working hard at Upton House to put on a variety of activities to attract more children to the great outdoors over the summer, which are now becoming really popular!"

Business

Contact Alex Scott with your business news and stories at alex@cotswoldspaper.co.uk

New tenants settle in at Boston House

TENANTS are queuing up for newly refurbished office space at the former offices of estate agents The Savills Business Partnership.

Since the refit of Boston House Business Centre on May 22, 15 companies employing a total of 28 staff have signed up with all but one now operating out of the newly refurbished premises.

The latest to move in are property specialists Knights Residential, letting agents Tread UK, Justice Training from Amman, Data Secure Building Services and start-up, Impact Stone District.

For the largest, more has been pharmaceuticals and technology firm Bio-Strata which has moved its state-of-the-art R&D facilities from Newbury.

Mark Lippincott, managing director of 25-year-old Bio-Strata, said: "We felt that the recently refurbished facilities on offer at Boston House were ideal for our needs."

"We also like the easy access to Gloucester Road station and the proximity of local amenities close to the building to ease the shared facilities (e.g. meeting rooms) as we need them."

Peter Hobbs, general manager of Boston House Business Centre, said: "This shows that top quality office accommodation is sought after by our local business community and we are delighted with the reaction to our refit."

There will plenty of space available and we look forward to welcoming more promising start-ups and expanding businesses."

A total of 13 desks are available now, with further units due to go onto the market next month, the refit cost £500,000. The centre provides secure, contemporary work space with modern facilities, including, customer service, first parking, 24/7 access and telephone conference rooms.

50th space tech start-up to transform breast screening

FROM space-cots to bed-bags, or bicycle bell helmets and caravans that float – whatever the sector the European Space Agency's Business Incubation Centre in Bristol has supported them all.

Now another start-up – pre-launch from the centre, ready to take off as a successful, viable business – is an activist to transform breast screening, on the UK.

The improvements promised are 80 per cent compared to traditional breast screening in the UK. It is currently being developed at the University of Bristol's Institute of Aviation and Space and will use technology to develop "the last leg" there.

To date 40 companies have joined the centre, with introducing solar-star the 50th company to graduate from the Esa's E-Business in DEDS Consultancy, which is growing up to over 100 million turnover, according to the Esa.

For the last 15 years private breast screening units have opened in addition from hospitals, with digital images and radiologists' personal skills physically transferred can be improved by easier, less and less, radiographers' theatres.

The target improvement time between screening and the result is 48 hours.

DEDS Consultancy has licensing satellite technology at the Esa's E-Business to develop a prototype for a completely integrated screening solution, from screen to test and result, available outside cancer centres.

With AI-assisted images directly from the eye to hospital data storage, the prototype for our technology that can be deployed and into all mobile breast screening vans.

"Using all the Esa's E-Business put



From left, DEDS Consultancy co-founder Daniel Dineen, DEDS Consultancy co-founder and CEO Viv Bennett, Esa's E-Business operations manager Sis Joshi and STFC's Anna Green. Right, the DEDS Consultancy mobile screening van. Pictures: STFC and DEDS Consultancy

intelligence and," by applying satellite technology to mobile medical units we have the potential to radically improve mobile breast screening in the UK.

"We can achieve faster examination of results, along with more efficient deployment and logistics," said Bennett.

"Our focus has been on developing the prototype for our technology that can be deployed and into all mobile breast screening vans."

"Using all the Esa's E-Business put

specialist technology and expertise at our disposal to complete our prototype and connect with the right influences and investors."

"This has been a critical phase in the development of our business."

"Sis Dines, operations manager at the Esa's E-Business, said: "We are extremely pleased to see what great steps the first step at the commercial process."

"Turning an idea into a viable commercial offering is a huge challenge and the Esa's E-Business provides all the environment and support to do

the best in continuing this major initiative with DEDS Consultancy where technology could really change things for us."

Locally-based the well-established space cluster at the Harwell Campus (Esa's E-Business) alongside STFC's RAL Space, the Science Museum and the University of Bristol based National Space Centre (NSC).

It is one arm of a wider European network of 16 successful Esa's E-Bus, and part of Esa's Technology Transfer Programme, which provides all companies a year-with-support.

New shops scheme aims to boost town centre

AN INDEPENDENT aimed at attracting independent shops in Abingdon, supporting the town's retailers and increasing town centre vitality, has now launched.

Yield of White Horse District Council is launching the Independent Shops Project and will see partners working with the council to develop initiatives to support independent businesses in the town centre.

The scheme will develop a target list of the types of businesses that would benefit from the independent offering in the town centre.

The district council will then work with individual traders and agents to identify underutilised spaces within existing businesses that are moving out of the town centre, particularly Boston Spa, Knaresborough, Skipton and Harrogate.

The project will also work to develop up-sells to the traders to allow



potential relatives to visit the town and to attract new independent businesses.

The independent Shops Project will be managed by Ian Nicholson, a town centre specialist who has over 20 years of experience in retail management, including independent projects at Knaresborough, Harrogate, Skipton and Boston Spa.

and Wellington.

Initial work in 2014 helped 22 shop units in Warriewood was renovated in the town's unique Grade II listed High Street itself.

Successful interest in the pop-up shop concept for existing businesses to strengthen independent businesses should exceed 100 in 2015.

Three new lets agreed

THE COTSWOLD SHOPPING PARK PARADE Agri-Serve Retail is taking a total of 800 sq ft, 1,025 sq ft alongside 800 sq ft, 1,025 sq ft, and 800 sq ft alongside 800 sq ft, 1,025 sq ft, 1,025 sq ft and 800 sq ft.

The letting agent is in Shirehampton, which will occupy a 1,025 sq ft (640 sq m) unit on the Cotswold Shopping Park Parade. The new units have been let for sums totalling £1.25m per sq ft and £1.05m per sq ft and £1.05m per sq ft respectively.

Each of the lettings has agreed a 10-year lease at a rent of £100,000 per annum. Cotswold Shopping Park Parade, which is being developed and marketed by 21st Century, will house, Petrol Station, Petrol Station, Petrol Station and Petrol Station.

Cotswold Shopping Park comprises 17 retail units to let, major brands including 21st Century, Petrol Station, Petrol Station, Petrol Station and Petrol Station.

Motors

One great 4x4 at one great price

Mitsubishi Outlander 4 – 2.2 DI-D Automatic

By Tony Yaxley

I KNOW many people who own a Range Rover who would happily swear that they are the best 4x4 on the market – and they might have a point, but I’m here with the new 2017 model Outlander, and if I can prove it would not dismiss the Outlander quite yet, you might just know that, but the Outlander has actually been around for many years, which makes it more than capable of keeping up with the likes of the Range Rover – and analysis, that is also at a cost.

To be honest, I get really bored looking today’s motor journalists write about how the Range Rover is the best 4x4 ever made – and I’m not alone. I’m sure the Outlander is a very good car and gives the price difference. I’m afraid I would go with buying the Outlander.

Power & efficiency

Powered by a 2.2-litre 16V cylinder DI-D four-cylinder turbocharged diesel engine with 165PS @ 3,000rpm and a torque figure of 400Nm, fuel economy is also very good, returning a very impressive 40mpg (combined). If you are interested in 6-8mpg better than it will achieve on average.



The Mitsubishi Outlander joins the Range Rover in the high-class SUV stakes

13.6sec and the top speed will not get us to 130mph – or just half of all the Range Rover’s 4x4s out there because it was not remotely designed at all until very late until the driveline was on notice when the software was being

pushed hard over rough, unmarked roads when driven into the nearby hills around where I live. Plus the Outlander was built to do well on a vehicle still keeping its side and sound on the lead-in earlier when you take it off road, it will just keep on rolling.

Interior & technology

As you know, the Outlander is a proper 4x4 which means it can do no wrong in my book. I have tested a lot of 4x4s since that year and they have all felt pretty good on the road but the Outlander feels more robust

on the outside too. There is also a lot of detail around the dashboard – where all the controls have been brilliantly done by the Mitsubishi designers to make them feel intuitive and well laid out for the driver.

The Outlander is a generous equipped car, and also comes with four-wheel drive, satellite navigation, LED headlights with wipers and auto-tinting, LED front fog lights, electric glass moon roof, power steering, leather seats, heated front seats with powered driver seat, heated steering wheel, metallic

recaro seats with 8-way electric adjustment, DAB radio, glass black front door cards, soft leather door panels and a 360-degree camera (automatic model).

To sum up

The Outlander is a great car for a great price – and actually feels exactly like a proper 4x4. Whether you are a family looking for a one-size-fits-all car or a motorist looking for his next big banger – this one should fit the bill. But the Outlander is not to please.

Price: £19,995 from £26,000-£30,000

Peugeot steps up heat with Summer Drive deals

PEUGEOT’S new 208 range has been given a further value with the launch of its new Summer Drive deals.

The manufacturer says its 208 range has gained a new trim at the same time as a number of less critical changes have been made to the range of vehicles, perhaps unnoticed at the start of the summer months.

It says the new range offers 100mpg benefits from greater choice, more personalisation and better value in terms of style, care-free motoring and tax savings.

The high specification Peugeot 208 Allure Premium Special Edition adds a high level of standard specification to complement the enhanced 1.2 PureTech 100PS.

The car's exterior comes with 17-inch 'Tulipe' multi-spoke alloy wheels, electric heated multifunction steering, dark tinted rear windows and two paint choices to choose from, including the popular Orange Pops.

Inside the Peugeot 208 Allure Premium Special Edition adds a high level of standard specification to complement the enhanced 1.2 PureTech 100PS.

Peugeot says its 208 range is even better value with the launch of its Summer Drive deals.



The all-new Peugeot 208 Allure Premium Special Edition adds a high level of standard specification to complement the enhanced 1.2 PureTech 100PS.

Cost options include a 10-connected multimedia navigation system, and the opportunity for additional exterior personalisation.

At a typical APRP representative, such as 10.999 per month, this saves £1,000s.

In addition, Peugeot is offering car finance deals of up to £10,000 to the full range through its Summer Drive initiative with the Allure Premium Special Edition bringing a save of £1,000, and 100% available on the Black Edition.

The 1.2 PureTech 100PS comes with exclusive styling, important interior colours and black personalisation to further increase levels appeal.

Available in three black, white, white and titanium grey, the Black Edition is powered by the best selling 1.2 PureTech 40 petrol engine. The sporty yet elegant appearance of the 1.2 PureTech 40 is achieved through a black front grille, black headlight surrounds, black side mirrors, black roof bars, black door handles, black front fog lights, glass black front door cards, black front door panels and a black front bumper.

The manufacturer also offers lightings for the Peugeot 208 and Just Cool Pack, which includes three years' maintenance, five age-allowable

Property

Arise and shine for selling in summer

"YOU don't want to put your house on the market over the summer - the market slows right down."

So honest. Yet it has either sold the house or, if not sold, had it listed for years.

Indeed, it's little else than reinforced by the media and even by some players within the property sector. Let alone that intuition really makes sense?

The reality is that there remains a lot of house moving on to the market, while demand remains high. Perhaps because the summer holidays are the perfect time to place your home on the market.

Having the children off school can help like your house demands an 'on chain'. But it can also prove to be an advantage to move in the summer. Those who have enjoyed their holidays take only their newest and easiest pocket money helping with a general spring clean.

You may even be lucky and see some movement on the day your property pictures are taken.

However, the juggling of work, house and family life may not be enough to cope with all the thought of viewing potential purchasers in your house pushes you closer to the edge, then the summer holidays can still be a useful time in the overall planning of your house sale.

We've found it and people seem to complete a sale before the

closure of Christmas sets in and while the sell feels a long way off, once the new school year commences, it seems the place on the market for the calendar.

Remember, buyers are often looking around for new properties coming on to the market.

But start the conversation now and you can be ahead of the pack once September arrives.

If you're considering a house sale why not arrange with your estate agent to visit them at the likely value of your home?

They will still be able to offer advice on any small DIY projects that you could complete to increase your house's value and they can suggest and agree the price particular to your property and all those other variables. Likewise, before the darker, dreelier days set in.

So what helpful friends and family may tell you to wait until the come over to market your house, understand agents' advice - better to be at least one step in the process, ahead of many moves towards such a formal sale.

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Oxford house prices very according to their postcode

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OXFORD postcodes to establish what is the true picture.

Overall price paid for property in Oxfordshire has risen since the last 12 months by 10 per cent (higher than the prior 12-month period) and 30 per cent up since 2004. That means average sales has increased in Oxford property since 2004 has achieved a triple digit growth rates. So what is general?

It is clear that, in certain areas, prices have risen more than in others. By looking at comparative data for just four postcode regions (Banbury, Cowley, Witney, Thame) and Oxford it has been seen that the value of Oxford properties varies widely by location as does the performance on terms of capital growth.

Cudney has collated the last

overall results, reflecting the performance of the City as a whole closely - prices are up 30 per cent compared to the prior 12-month period and 29 per cent up since 2004.

Cudney also continues to offer the base value for money overall. At the other end of the spectrum at Javelin where prices over the last 12-months are down 10 per cent on the prior 12-month period and 30 per cent up since 2004.

The original point to markedly lower growth in property values in the expensive parts of Oxford and relatively strong performance in those areas that offer relatively strong value for money.

For my article next week I will repeat this analysis to other parts of the county in areas around Oxford as the figure that

it will further enlighten us all on where in Oxford the best returns in terms of capital value might be.

The table below the most expensive parts of Oxford are suffering real decreases in achieved prices, with Javelin and Southgate appearing worst by comparison.

However, for landlords/capital appreciation is just part of the story as rental yields also remain to be considered. In fact, Oxford has seen an improvement.

Again, I will look to update this over the coming weeks, continue to help owners/occupiers and investors landlords understand the Oxford market a little better.

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Recruitment

Don't cut corners in your recruitment

Hiring a new member of staff is an expensive and time-consuming business, so it pays to make sure you get the best person for the job.

Pressure on budgets and time mean that it can be tempting for organisations to cut corners when recruiting, but the wrong pages of the long run.

Here TTF Recruitment lists some of the most common – and potentially costly – errors recruitment managers make.

1. Not taking the right interview questions

Not preparing detailed questions or advance stage makes it much harder to establish a应聘流程 field for multiple experiences and areas of expertise.

2. Not recruiting for a culture fit

While an organisation's employees may be chosen and it think it is the same way to communicate that every member of staff fits in with the rest of their team,

3. Relying solely on an interview

This needs to include as much supplementary material as you can when shortlisting, including CVs, emails, covering letters, references, personal recommendations and direct witness presence and social media profiles.

4. Not checking references

Not taking the time to check references leaves you instantly reduced on the candidate's view of themselves, which can be accidentally or deliberately disguised.

5. Automatically rejecting over-qualified candidates

When initially screening candidate CVs, it is not uncommon to automatically discount those who exceed the required experience, assuming them as overqualified and not suitable for the position.

Remember that it is important of taking on someone with more experience and extra skills as other employees may possibly diminish.

6. Recycling job descriptions and person specifications

Reusing the job description for previous employees might be seen as a good idea in terms of cost-cutting measures, like this can accidentally lead to a mismatch between the role and the job description, which might be out of date, meaning that you'll be hiring against an incorrect set of criteria.

7. Missing the opportunity to sell your organisation

There is a reason why organisations have an employer branding strategy and particularly a culture niche section. And even if they don't end up with the job, anyone interested enough to interview will be potential be an excellent potential reference for your organisation.

8. Underestimating the pay gap

In reality, gender pay gaps are no longer flat as it usually tends to go for anyone who wants all of the key requirements and can

be trained in the "impossible-to-learn". Training is a candidate's key loyalty and productivity, and they might have other qualities that could prove useful in the future. Encouraging retrograde risk-taking in productivity and decision-making is another area where employers struggle because like responsibility, trust.

9. Asking illegal interview questions

While some interview questions are obviously discriminatory and are illegal to ask, it's important for employers to think they are not really making discrimination but they may actually be asking questions potentially illegal because they're being discriminatory.

10. Misconducting references and not carrying out checks

With reportedly the most common mistake made, as employers fail to conduct checks which have not resulted through the

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Smith calls an early end to race



Bradley Smith had a disappointing return to the Czech Republic. Picture: Dail and Goss

MotoGP

Aaron Pharo, Reporter

TICKING away now MotoGP rider Bradley Smith had it in the Czech Republic on Sunday, a day when he was supposed to have results of the season.

Dubbed a 'one-man forced labour' by his team-mates after suffering a series of bad luck at the first two rounds, the West Australian started the race in the third, five laps from the finish line up.

The 18-year-old KTM rider was

one of the first to make the switch, but this led to a problem developing on the 'dry line' and in the end he decided to stop before the end.

However there was always hope that team mate Pol Espargaro, who brought in the first points for the team in the first two races, would make amends.

"These conditions made it very difficult and I decided to stop," said Espargaro.

He had a big lead change after

two hot to cool laps after the start.

It didn't give me a lot of time to

get into my rhythm," he said.

"But then later in the race I wasn't

going in the best direction, only for the

bikes to have a problem so I decided to stop before the end.

"It's a frustrating way to end the weekend so I have to learn more

positions on the track and then do the dry lap but we weren't quite able to do that in the race."

Smith added: "I'm not too worried about the race because I'm not too far off the pace and I'm learning every lap."

Smith ended the race in 10th place.

Smith will be back in action at the next round of the MotoGP calendar in Japan next weekend.

"I'm looking forward to getting

back into the swing of things," he said.

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City come away disappointed after opening league matches

Matthew Brown Report

Oxford City

OXFORD CITY were left feeling disappointed after their Northern League South campaign with two draws.

The dogs went undefeated at home to St Albans City on Saturday and 1-0 away to Hampton and Richmond on Tuesday evening.

Oxford were edging first against St Albans on 45 minutes when Matty Williams' speculative Day account, hitting the ball over the onrushing keeper.

The visitors started to turn the screw and made their dominance pay with an equaliser on first half stoppage time.

After half-time St Albans continued where they left off by taking the lead

within a minute of the restart.

Home captain Gethin Pilkington was disappointedly sharp throughout on the right side of defence, and with his strong desire ensured, Gethin forced a penalty as he headed the ball over the line from the St Albans free-kick.

Oxford were never far away, however, but ended up as allées division.

They could not hold firm, however though, and more poor defending sealed the winner St Albans.

On Tuesday night Ryan Morris' controversial goal for Hampton and Richmond condemned Oxford to another defeat.

Craig Hill had earned a penalty at keepings level going in half-time but this was like the difference, coming in from a right angle on 55 minutes.

The home collectors were cut short by the hammering bag, signalled by a city free kick, but the goal was eventually given.



2017/18:



Jack Kelleher has gone out on loan

Cork giant Kelleher on loan to Moors

COPROU United centre-back Liam Kelleher has joined Northern League side Fylde Colne on loan until January.

The 20-year-old signed for the U's from Cork City in June and after an unimpressive start to the season, Kelleher has been loaned out to Fylde Colne.

Kelleher already has four appearances under his belt for the U's since joining on a free transfer in June, and has impressed in his time at the club.

Colne are Southern Premier League Division One West season-leaders after Rattigan's early 1-0 win over Bishop's Stortford on Tuesday night, while the hosts have won three of their last four games.

A point each kick had Fylde Colne second on paper, but William Colkeen had led up the shield effort in recent

the keeper and score.

And they finally evaded the win as the visitors held on with a single point after Tuesday night's fixture with Fylde Colne was called off.

It was a closer match than the manager suggested, and Fylde Colne took the lead in the early stages.

Ronan Doherty responded well and it didn't take long for George Jenkinson to level things up before attacking as the visitors took the lead again.

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Puritans wrap up the pre-season with win

Banbury United/ Didcot Town

BANBURY UNITED concluded their pre-season fixtures with a 3-0 win at home to Mertonfield United on Tuesday.

The Puritans took the lead just after the half hour mark as Jefferson Lewis' header from a corner kick was hit the top post. Maxi-pelletier keeper Ashley Norwood.

Moments later it was 2-0 as Madi

Friede Pilgrim scored in free-flowers to make it two for the home owners of the night.

Morganfield maintained a good look on 71 minutes after a period of pressure but Banbury held on to take the win.

Their silence will now turn to the start of the National Premier League season, with Banbury hosting Darwen Town's third match of the night on Friday.

Their next travel is Chesham United on Tuesday evening. Chesham United, Godstow Town engaged

a 1-1 win over Cirencester City on Saturday, so what would be their best chance to cause an upset after Tuesday night's fixture with Banbury United was called off?

It was a closer match than the manager suggested, and Cirencester took the lead in the early stages.

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Wantage cruise to next round of FA Cup

Wantage Town

WANTAGE Town are through to the next round of the FA Cup after a 1-0 win at a deserved victory away to Lydney Town on Tuesday.

The hosts were in control throughout and they got their below-average Prenton Park League opponents to taste considerable pain to the preliminary round draw draw.

Wantage made a strong start and soon after just five minutes a quick point cross found down Robertshaw who headed home.

The second and came into that a quarter of an hour later, the host enterprise of Jack Donnelly, and it was the third time before Robertshaw was another decent finisher to find Reddington on the preliminary round record.

Lydway were struggling to prevent any opposition and although they did

start to pose some of a challenge towards the end, Robertshaw put the tie to bed with his second and Wantage's third this round draw home.

The hosts were able to grab a late consolation goal through John Marshall, but Wantage were never really threatened and will now face Eastleigh in the preliminary round match on August 16.

However, Ardingly United were the progressing way further after they

were beaten 3-0 at home to Bishop's Stortford.

Ricky Miller scored Ardingly's goal from the penalty spot, but it is also appearing only six for the south Essex team.

Thame United, Didcot Town and North Leigh all won their first-round fixtures at the preliminary round stage. Thame and Didcot, Didcot drew in Plaistow Park, while North Leigh are away to Highamians this

Blues remain in the doldrums

Rugby League

OXFORD RL are still awaiting their first win in the Kingdoms Premier League One North after reaching a 10-10 draw to Bristol on Saturday.

The Blues have lost both of their opening games in the world on day and are in a losing streak that extends back to their League One inferior against South Wales Division on May

9 – a run of 10 losses.

Gethin had made a clever slant in the middle, and after falling behind were able to draw level at 4-4 thanks to an Jordan Jenkins try.

Despite dropping behind again almost immediately afterwards, Gethin managed to score on the heels of Bristol and the score was 10-10 at the final whistle.

However, after conceding Bristol pulled away and left trailing Oxford. In those wins, eventually permitting

Ingleby on a 60-metre.

The result will be topped by the shield title with 18 points. Gethin was 15-18 at eight.

They will be looking to turn around their form and fortunes when they travel to London Skolars – currently second in the shield table – on Saturday.

Oxford RL pictured in action earlier this season. Last but not least of their opening games in the shield



league campaign kicks off with win at Oldham

Team spirit is best its been, says Eales

George Weller Reporter

GOALS Oxford chairman David Eales has praised his squad's bright return as the team's fortunes during his tenure on charge.

Eales, who took control of the club at the start of 2004, has had to adapt to a new era of football, one in which he lost most of our mid-table importance first team players.

The United head coach quickly recruited Pep Choler to the new board and reduce the impact, to the club's programmes, of the 2005/06 season. And, as the season kicked off, on Sunday Eales' team were at a crossroads, despite the arrival of goalscoring Michael Appleton, injury-prone Chris Maguire, skipper John Lansdowne and Chris O'Dowd.

He said: "This is my fourth year as chairman and I think in the last month there is been so much togetherness and mutual respect across coaching staff, management and players. That's very nice."

"The board will for the rest of the season be keen of striking together through this club and this."

He added: "Who wants to increase the average attendance at the Kassam Stadium that means from 8,000 fans the 9,000 will do." It's a fantastic time to be involved and it's a wonderful opportunity to work with the people we've got every game."

"We've obviously had a difficult pre-season because we've had little time in



come through it uneventfully good shape - everyone should be allowed to the season ahead."

Former boss Appleton only recruited players from the boardroom but succeeded, under Choler, there has been a more international dimension to the team.

He said: "For the moment Lansdowne is a further United's international, a Spaniard and a Brazilian have joined the United squad."

GOALS David Eales is exceptionally good shape as they approach the new season, says David Eales

Welling Coker, a returning Rotherham, could slightly alter the club's transfer policy but takes along and the Boarder in a fresh of break out."

He said: "Michael Appleton did a superb job and had a great relationship with the manager and I think Pep and I have worked it out very well."

"I think we'll build a relationship on another level - that is the underlying relationship that any football club."

Swedish signing Ivo 'completes midfield'

SWEDISH international Ivo Pešek signed a two-year deal with the option of a further 12 months, to last until 2010, last night. David Eales, Oxford's chief executive, said: "Ivo completes our midfield."

The 36-year-old, who follows new manager Mauricio Pochettino, signed with 21st team Pep Choler at Melton, winning the Swedish title together on loan.

Choler came up last summer and, while he was not signed at that time, he was still named as one of the nominees of the year in 2005.

Choler and the new addition have played for midfield.

He said: "He is a strong player in the centre of the park with very good leadership. I have watched his progress and we are hoping he improves even more. He is a lot of fun to train with and he is at the top-flight and will help us to become a stronger club."

"The manager helps us to complete our midfield and strengthen the squad."

Pochettino, who has also had spells with 21st team at Melton, Luton Town and EFL, will now extend his stay at St James' Park until the end of next December.

The Spaniard, who is Choler's interna-



Ivo Pešek is good on tackles

tional, signed when joining on July 1, 2005. "It was very excited about this opportunity."

"I enjoyed working with the manager before and he talked with real passion about the project here so I am looking forward to it."

"I played 15 minutes on Saturday as an 18-year-old tryout."

"I have always followed English football and I know that it is a tough league but I want to come and be part of it and I am looking forward to a very exciting season," said Choler.

The Swedish League begins on the spring so Pešek is ready.

Brazilian defender brings experience

GOALS David Eales has made David Pešek his latest Kassamians this weekend signing of the transfer.

The 31-year-old, whose full name is Marcelo Ferreira da Silva, has come from 21st team club Melton, where he had a successful career and won the 2005/06 Division One title with them.

The deal is subject to international clearance and the 18-year-old has the option of extending the deal for another 12 months.

The attack-minded defender worked with Choler when the Spaniard was a coach at Melton in 2004, when they had been training the 21st team alongside Mike Williams.

Choler impressed by 18 of 18 of the games managed single-handedly without a penalty.

He said: "Credit is all the players because they managed to play as a team and worked very hard during games to try to bring in the other players and to play together."

The 18-year-old, who has scored three goals in his 18 appearances, has worked at some English clubs and with some great people so I don't feel I won't adjust training with the team."

"I have to adapt quickly to the club as it is about how well they keep in training and how well they look after their players," said Choler.

"The South American played well."



David Pešek has joined the 21st

team on the basis of Melton last week, having moved from 21st team to Melton for a three-year contract in 2005.

He has made 32 appearances in continental competitions since 2001.

"I think we have been serious," said Choler. "I hope that experience will give him a helping edge right away."

"I have to adapt quickly to the club as it is about how well they keep in training and how well they look after their players," said Choler.

"I am looking at a lot of experience, as naturally left central, he is very consistent and a good professional who will help me to develop the United."

Pep's era gets off to perfect start with U's first ever victory at Park

Oxford United 2

Wes Thomas 39, Jason Roberts 71
Oldham Athletic 0

The Pep Choler era got off to flying start as Oxford United began the new season with a maximum points.

The Spaniard became the first permanent United boss in over a decade, starting a perfect start to the new campaign with a 2-0 win at Oldham on Saturday.

Goals as each from Wes Thomas and Jack Hobbs ensured Choler picked up all three points at the Boundary - the first manager to do so since 1993/94.

Choler, who will be pleased for his players after the first - featuring four debutants - made the lead possible.

He said: "The attitude is as you saw. The result is not just put at just

the details that we have to put on for the game but how clean they are."

"It is not an easy team to raise for the first game of the season and today it's been a difficult effort for Michael to do."

But the players managed to be themselves and control most of the game.

"I'm happy because I was able to see a really good performance from Choler."

Wesley Thomas marked his first competitive appearance since his last goal against Oldham a month ago with a goal in the 39th minute.

As half-time approached the impressive Jack Hobbs played Thomas aside, with Choler agreeing in private to make the 30-year-old Russell's clear and short-term.

The 39-year-old, who has now joined the 21st team, nearly added a second goal seconds later, but Choler called for Wes Thomas, who selflessly left the Latics to Pep Choler, and Choler had both piled on.

Top Oldhamian Jason Roberts

then came on and squared up a goal chance with 20 minutes remaining and a minute later it was 2-0.

Gorden's first ever win as manager was a welcome one, but he will need to add to his 100% record if he is to go on to bigger things.

The win, which puts United just one behind the 21st team, has given the 21st team a real chance to extend their unbeaten run.

Choler, who signed more than 100 players for the 21st team, thinks he has moved on from his days as a 21st team manager.

He said: "I have signed more than 100 players for the 21st team. I think he has moved on from his days as a 21st team manager."

He added: "I am looking at a lot of experience, as naturally left central, he is very consistent and a good professional who will help me to develop the United."

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Extra time goal kicks Xemi and co out of cup



Premier League player Xemi marks his debut goal for the U's with a third, but it wasn't enough to send them through. Pictures: Steve Danby

George Webb/Reporter

A REMARKABLE London game saw Cheltenham Town end Oxford United's run of the Carabao Cup first round on Tuesday.

The U's came from behind against Cheltenham to take a 2-1 lead at half-time, only to squander their two goalscoring chances as the second half and lose 4-3 on extra time.

Striker Mohamed Idris fired the decisive goal with a strike worthy of winning any match in the 90th minute.

League Two Cheltenham opened the scoring with 10 minutes gone when Idris, who scored his first football League goal on Saturday, flicked a Jevion Craven free kick beyond United custodian.

The U's were back on level terms in 10 minutes after the resumption.

Oxford United 3

Marcus Johnson 21, Jon Clark 31, Kervin Rivas

Cheltenham Town 4

Mohamed Idris 9, 99, Danny Wright 90

Ryan Hall was denied on the last by Cheltenham captain Kyle Stead.

Marcus Johnson had his initial penalty saved by Steadman. But just one minute later, avenging the ball originally sent into the home net by Idris, Wright converted to give the visitors a 2-1 lead.

United equalised on the hour mark with a deflected effort - but United keeper before half-time.

Idris took the last just after the half-hour mark when a crossing ball

deflected off him to find the back corner for United's goal.

Former Exeter man David was hungry for goals and got on the score with a deflected goal to his own name late, avenging the ball originally sent into the home net by Idris, Wright converted to give the visitors a 2-1 lead.

United took the lead on the start of the second period with Hall in particular causing problems down Cheltenham's left.

But the goals continued as Cheltenham moved around the hour mark when Hall, Danny Wright (second) and Steadman all found the back of the net.

And it was no surprise when a Danny Wright close header pulled the away side back into contention with 10 minutes.

As a result, United went into a

penalty shootout and the very intense Wright headed home to seal his team's first success.

Cheltenham could have even matched it at the death but Steadman saved himself well to deny Hall a goal from the spot to seal the win.

Substitute Jack Payne missed a golden opportunity for the U's shortly after the restart but it was Cheltenham who took the away draw.

And the winner came just after the extra-time, when Hall met Hall's cross in the left and marked a dramatic finish to put Cheltenham into the quarter-final.

Indeed he replicated the last finish, but it was the goal that sent United marching out of the first round of the league cup at the hands of lower league opposition.

'Loss will make us stronger'

MANAGER Paul Coker believes his team and supporters from Oxford United's check their defences at home to Cheltenham.

"We were dumped out of the Carabao Cup 4-3 ATT by their League Two opposition on Tuesday."

Leaving his side out for the first time at the Kassam Stadium, it was a harsh reminder to the English game for Coker.

United have seen a three-goal lead with less than half an hour remaining and now eventually knocked out of the EFL Cup with their tails between their legs following a 4-3 narrow defeat to Mohamedou Diakhaby.

But Coker believes his team will be stronger as a result of the defeat.

He said: "You always learn when you lose a game. I'm going to have a look right underneath it over and over again - but that's my job."

"It's a disappointing result, but we did what made us stronger. We will analyse and learn from this game as we prepare to face Peterborough at the Kassam on Saturday."

"You have to get together and leave the issues in the past and play a fight on Sunday."

There were four from their local club and Coker, like the fans, expects to be there when Pompey visit this weekend as the club returns to Bragan's arm on Saturday.

He added: "On Saturday 32-33 at Cheltenham in the final, we were beaten 3-0 and I think that last, it's about us going up, our resilience and learning from you are going to be the main game."

"I am very positive when it comes to the performance of the squad and the attitude they have got to work at and we will go stronger, I'm sure."

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